

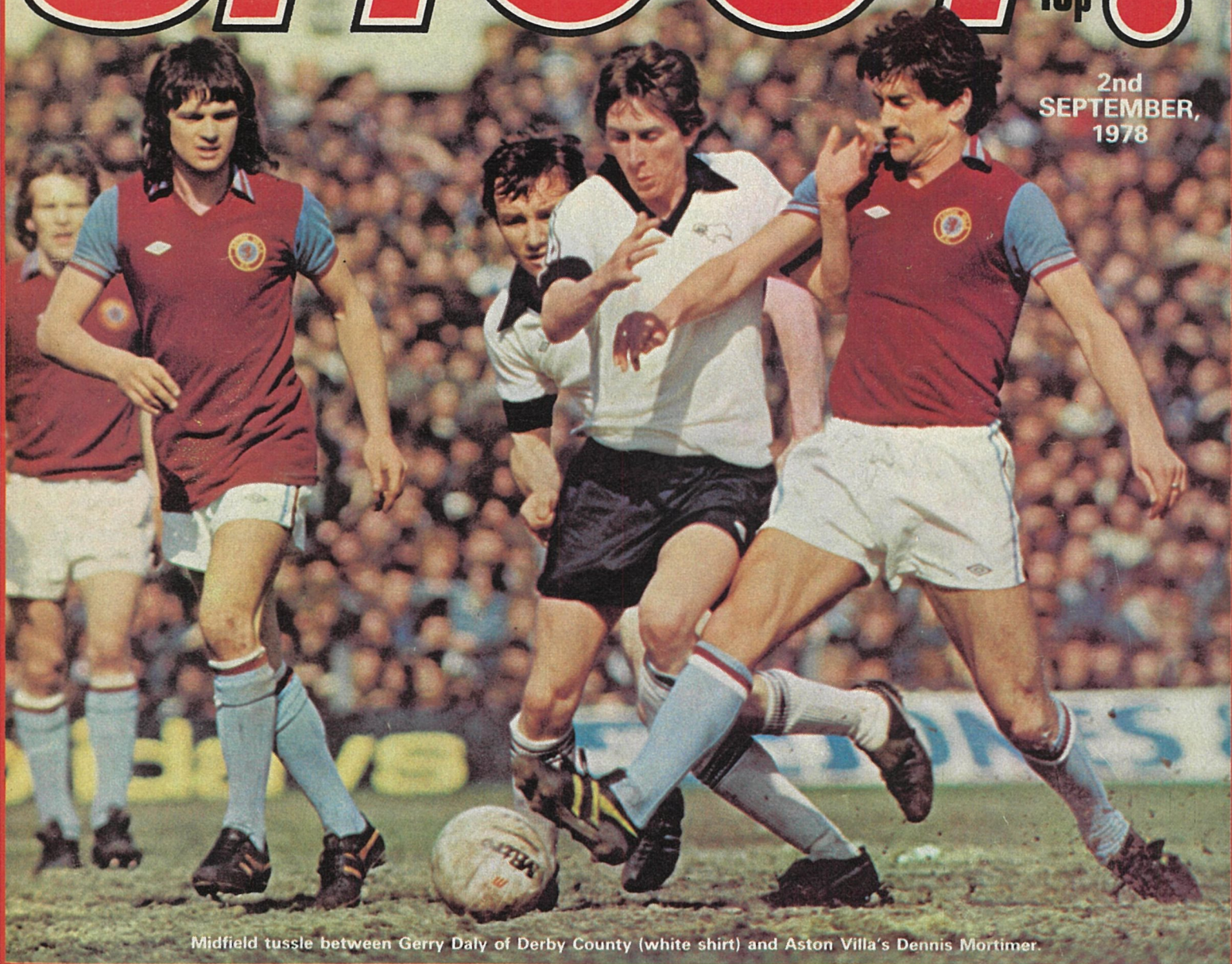
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Midfield tussle between Gerry Daly of Derby County (white shirt) and Aston Villa's Dennis Mortimer.

**FOUR STARS TURN
MANAGER TO PICK
'THE TEAM
I WOULD BUILD
FROM OTHER
SIDES'**

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NEIL McNAB
(TOTTENHAM)

**BIG MATCH
CROSSTALKS
EVERTON v ARSENAL
IPSWICH v MAN UTD**

WHAT are the hopes, fears and ambitions of some of the most influential characters in British football at the start of the new season? How much can we learn from the World Cup, will its lessons be embraced into football this season or will we just carry on believing the Football League is the best in the world?

JACK CHARLTON, who was in Argentina with the ITV team, feels nothing new had emerged in the World Cup since 1974.

He says: "Don't get the impression I'm saying I know everything about football, because I don't. Everyone used the sweeper system, but few did so effectively. The Italians were the best. In fact, they should have won the competition. I liked young Rossi who, with Kempes, was the best player out there."

"If Argentina hadn't have had Kempes they wouldn't have won the Cup. I liked France, who showed a lot of technical know-how, like getting players into good positions quickly."

RIGHT... Jack Charlton was impressed with the Italy sweeper Scirea (dark shirt) during the World Cup Finals in Argentina.



HOPES, FEARS AND

SHOOT has been talking to four men who all have their own ideas about what we can expect between now and next May.

Jack Charlton, the likeable manager of Sheffield Wednesday, television personality and one of the best talkers in the game. Big Jack was disappointed with the World Cup and saw very little new aspects of soccer in Argentina.

Bruce Rioch, Scotland's captain, wants referees to handle League games as they did in the World Cup, keeping things moving and not allowing trainers on the field unless it is absolutely vital.

And **Clive Thomas**, who was one of those referees in Argentina, wants players to behave themselves and cut out all dissent.

From **Graham Taylor**, the successful manager who has taken Watford into the Third Division in his first season, there is a plea to coaches and managers to stop playing a blatant offside game.



'Nothing new from the World Cup'
Jack Charlton

"People say it's a drop from the World Cup to Division Three, but I still have to work with players the same as Menotti, Happel or anyone. Only the skill factor is different. We use a sweeper and I think we get better use than some of the top international sides."

"I'm looking forward to the season. No way will we be struggling against relegation again. I also hope people stop asking me what I'm doing in the Third Division. I'm happy here, but they don't understand. I'm only concerned about getting Wednesday back to the top because the fans deserve it."

BRUCE RIOCH admits he had a poor season by his standards — even before the calamities of Argentina. Now he needs to show he can still play consistently at First Division level.

"What happened over there was just like being knocked out of the Cup in the Semi-Finals. It was so disappointing, but after a few weeks off, I shall be training harder than ever to get fit again after my appendix operation."

"I would like to see referees allowing League games to flow — like the men in charge did in Argentina. They didn't stop the matches unless they had to — it was better for the players and the spectators. Our game won't change overnight, but we can learn from the quick free-kicks

around the penalty-area and from the quality of the shooting."

Understandably, **Bruce** picks out Holland's ability to pop them in from anywhere — like Johnny Rep did against his Scotland team.

There could be a danger that after the summer diet of World Cup football, British supporters will expect too much. **Bruce Rioch** has this warning:

"When you watch the World

Cup, you are seeing the cream of international football. It's very hard for an everyday player to perform the same skills — like the one-tvos the Argentinians and Italians played near opponents' penalty-areas. Players in the League just haven't got the same appreciation — but I feel we could all learn from the accuracy of passing.

"As for changes this season, perhaps we professional footballers could alter our attitude away from home. With more commitment, we might stop ourselves from being put under pressure by the home side — I would like to see defenders coming forward like the Dutch with Poortvliet and the full-back Brandts. But, at the end of the day, managers must get results to keep their job and you have got to be extremely brave to

'Refs must let the game flow'
Bruce Rioch



leave openings in defence.

"From a purely personal point of view, I wish Brian Clough and Liverpool would stop winning the First Division Championship! Seriously, it is a very important season for me — I want to play well and start getting some goals. I'm overdue for a few of those."

Referee CLIVE THOMAS began his thirteenth season on the League list with the local clash at Villa Park between Aston Villa and Wolves. And, after his second World Cup in South America, it's dissent that really worries and annoys him here in Britain.

"Over the past couple of seasons, I feel sure my relationship with professional players has

the ability to go past defenders and cross the ball accurately.

"I just hope I will have another enjoyable season. You know I have had one week off in the last 12 months, when I got back from Argentina I received a letter from the League telling me to take my fitness test at Cardiff University. I was happy to do so, I managed to pass all right — and now I am looking forward to enjoying a successful season."

GRAHAM TAYLOR, Watford's personable and ambitious young manager, wants bosses and defenders to think beyond rushing up to the halfway line to do nothing more than play the opposition offside.

"Regularly I see teams who are coached and taught to play the offside game deliberately — I'm sure they could have spent this time much better from their own point of view and the spectators'.

"I would like to think the standard of players' behaviour will continue to improve. Managers can't control them on the pitch — what I would like to see is the whole status of the professional game improved. And only those of us inside can do that.

"We did some of our pre-season training at Ambassadors College in Hertfordshire. They have some magnificent facilities. Afterwards we sat down in one of the classrooms and talked about

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David Gregory

EDITOR

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AMBITIONS...



'Less dissent — more respect'
Clive Thomas

'What happens if we start losing?'
Graham Taylor

Improved — but there is still far too much dissent. Actions are much worse than words — because they are seen by spectators at the ground and those watching from their armchairs.

"Then I have to stop the game and it's irritating for everyone. The sooner we all realise we must have mutual respect — I know players have their own problems, but we must respect each other. The quicker players realise that they will get nothing from dissent the better."

And at a lower level Clive is concerned about the attitudes and lessons that are drummed into the next generation of League footballers.

"Schoolteachers and parents put much too much emphasis on winning. I would like to see competitions banned at all levels up to 14-years of age. What is happening at the moment, is the biggest boys are being picked just to win medals. The skilful ones are being neglected. You see well-developed 14-year-olds coming away from boys' clubs and schools clutching their medals and Cups — this attitude is all wrong."

From his position on the field alongside British professionals or the highest calibre, Clive would like to see strikers in the old-fashioned mould getting on the end of crosses from wingers with

the game using a blackboard. We weren't complicating things — we were just improving our knowledge.

"I can't help feeling the tone has to be set by the players. They have to behave in a way that makes them worthy of earning the salaries they do.

"Personally, I want to go forward and win the Third Division Championship. I know 23 other clubs feel exactly the same way, but we have no reason to fear anyone in the Third Division — it's probably stronger with us coming up and Blackpool going down.

"If we win the Championship, it's highly unlikely we will win it like we did the Fourth. Since I arrived at Watford we have been very successful — I'm not boasting, but it will be interesting to see how the players and supporters react when we go three or four games without a win."

Watford have a remarkable record since Taylor took over. In all competitions up to the start of the season, they played 65 games — were only beaten nine times and eight of those defeats were by a single goal.

RIGHT... A Brazil player is carried off for treatment in Argentina, allowing the game to flow.



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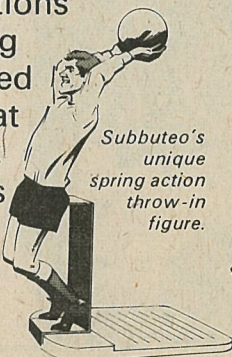
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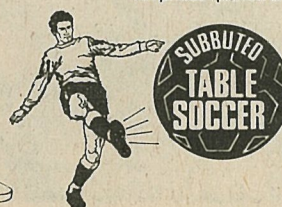
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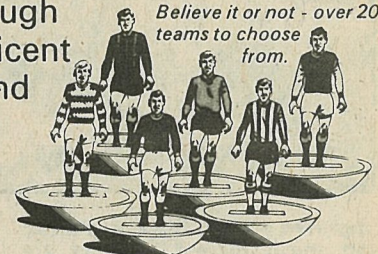


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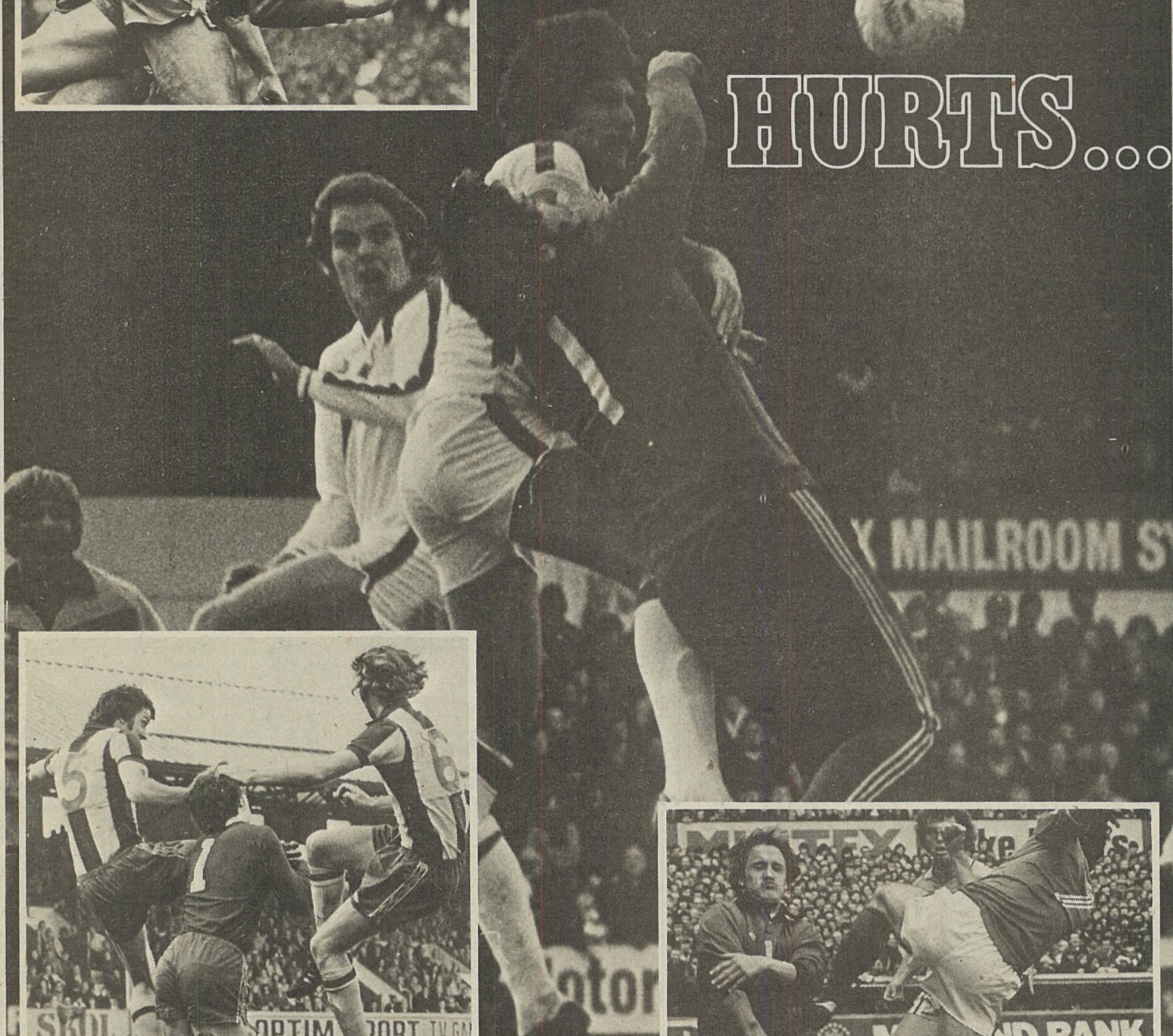
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LEFT . . . Norwich 'keeper Roger Hansbury rushes in and safely collects the ball before Bob Latchford of Everton.
MAIN PICTURE . . . Jim Brown of Sheffield United bravely punches clear from Dave Swindlehurst of Crystal Palace.

GOING IN WHERE IT HURTS...



LEFT . . . Goalkeepers face danger even from their own defenders. Here, West Brom's Tony Godden goes between John Wile (number 5) and Alistair Robertson.
RIGHT . . . Coventry number one Jim Blyth manages to stop Nottingham Forest's Martin O'Neill.



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This week's Star Letter comes from
Padhraic Smyth of Kilmoree, Bal-
laghadereen in Co. Mayo, who wins
our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

BEST IN WORLD

ONE often hears of the "goal
famine" in modern soccer and
many people feel the reason for
this is teams don't place enough
emphasis on attacking play.

However, in my view, one major
factor seems to have eluded the
critics. This is the standard of goal-
keeping in England is, at present,
the best in the world.

How many "certain goals" don't
end up as goals because of remark-
able saves? The figure is very high
and I reckon it's remarkable we see
as many goals as we do in
England.

● I don't know about "the best in
the world" because we don't see
domestic Continental soccer, but
the standard is high. However, the
finishing of many forwards still
leaves much to be desired.

Pen-Pal

I'm a 15-year-old Norwegian boy
who would like to correspond
with an English boy or girl. My
favourites are Spurs and Fulham.

FRANK ELLINGSE,
NATLANDSVEIEN 93,
5030 LANDAS,
NORWAY.

Falling Apart

FOOTBALL in Scotland is falling
apart at the seams. Although
everyone up here, and our beloved
neighbours in England, try to hide
the fact, it's true.

Rangers, Celtic and Aberdeen
are the only teams worth paying to
watch, and even Celtic aren't win-
ning trophies these days.

We breed good enough players
— the best in Europe, certainly —
although they don't like showing
off by winning the World Cup. Our
players are, quite rightly, "kidnap-
ped" by English managers who
find English players not good
enough for English football.

JOSEPH BURNS,
BELLSHILL.

● Playing in the Football League
undoubtedly improves Scottish
players — and therefore benefi-
ting the Scottish national side. An
"all tartan team" would certainly
not have qualified for Argentina. I
feel a new era in Scottish soccer
could be starting this season, with
the Big Three all having new,
young, ambitious managers. The
international side must also show
quite a few changes, although I'd
have preferred to see someone like
Bill Shankly in charge for a year or
so to wipe away the memories of
the Argentina fiasco.

No SHOOTs!

AS I was thinking about my forth-
coming holiday, I cast my mind
back to last year and recalled a
funny incident involving SHOOT.

My mother had carefully
explained to our newsagent she
wanted all our papers cancelled for
the fortnight except my SHOOT
and my sister's favourite
magazine.

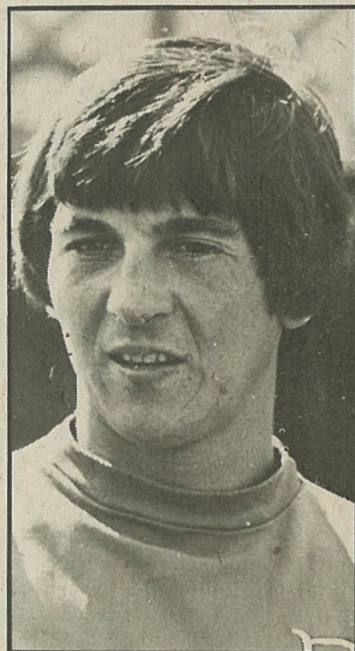
The newsagent even wrote it
down, so I thought: "Great —
nothing can possibly go wrong."

But it could... and did! Upon
returning, we found a pile of two
weeks' newspapers, but no
SHOOTs. I was annoyed at first,
but had a good laugh later.

I wouldn't like to tell our news-
agent what she did wrong to her
face, but if she's reading this let-
ter... well, here's hoping she
won't make the same mistake
again!

HELEN COONEY,
LARK LANE.

● As there's £1.50 on its way, you
can afford to buy SHOOT while
you're on holiday — just in case!



£½ Million Tom

RE your £6 million team... if, in
the unlikely case of Rangers
selling Tom Forsyth, the buyers
would need at least £500,000.

BRIAN MAIR,
AYR.

● Tom (above) is a good player,
but he's 30 next January and a £½
million fee at his age is totally
unrealistic. No player of his age in
Britain would fetch that
amount... or probably even half
of it.

'A successful side must have a good defence'

RAY
CLEMENCE
talking soccer

YOU can be the best 'keeper in
the world, but with an unsound
defence in front of you, you'll end
every match with backache from
picking the ball out of the net so
many times.

I'm fortunate at Liverpool to be
playing behind what I consider to
be the best-organised, most con-
structive back-four in Britain.

Together we have probably con-
ceded fewer goals over the past six
years — and created more — than
any other side in the First Division.

We have a great understanding
and rarely put each other under
pressure.

It was a different story in my days
with my former club, Scunthorpe
United, in the Fourth Division. I was
continually in action throughout the
90 minutes of most games and really
worked hard for my money.

Peter Shilton was in the same
situation with Stoke City the season
before last, regularly putting on
"man of the match" displays
between the posts. But despite his
Herculean efforts, Stoke couldn't
score enough goals at the other end
and were relegated.

However, his contribution had
been noticed by those astute talent-
spotters from Nottingham Forest —
manager Brian Clough and his assis-
tant, Peter Taylor — and he was
snapped up for £275,000 to become
a key figure in a team that stormed
to last season's Championship.

Forest's defence conceded ten
fewer goals than we runners-up at
Liverpool. Unfortunately, we struck
a bad patch in mid-season.

When I first came to Anfield, big
Ron Yeats played a conventional
centre-half role in front of 'keeper
Tommy Lawrence. Ron, superb in
the air, took care of the crosses
while Tommy stayed on the goal-
line, only coming off it to dive at the
feet of menacing forwards in pos-
session.

Ron's dominating style made it
easier for me to work my way into
the side and become a regular.

Then it was Ron's turn to be
replaced, by Larry Lloyd, who
played a similar game. Both Larry
and Alec Lindsay, at left-back, and I
were helped by the experienced
Tommy Smith, captaining the side
at right-back. In that season (1970-
71) Tommy was outstanding — in
fact, I've not yet seen a back-four

man enjoy a better one — and only
missed winning the Football-
Writers' "Footballer of the Year"
award by just one vote.

He was pipped by Frank McLin-
tock, who led Arsenal to the double
of Championship and F.A. Cup.

The Gunners beat us at Wembley
2-1 after extra-time.

Tommy has given Liverpool mar-
vellous service. Not only at goal-
stopping, either. Who will ever
forget the superb headed goal he
scored, from a Steve Heighway
corner, that restored our lead
against Borussia Monchengladbach
in Rome in 1977 and put us in line
for our first European Cup win?

And but for being in competition
with Bobby Moore and Norman
Hunter for a position in the England
team, he must surely have won
more than one England cap!

A bad leg injury to Larry allowed
Phil Thompson, a young local lad,
into the team and forced Liverpool
to change its defensive system. Phil
combined with Emllyn Hughes, who
dropped back from midfield, to
form a "two-man team".

This helped me to develop my
game. Until then, I had relied on
Ron or Larry to cut out the high
balls. Now I had to come off my line
and become adept at catching them
or punching them out.

I improved so much I was drafted
into the England team.

The advantage of using two skilful
central-defenders who complement
each other is that play can be more
constructive.

Instead of the mighty wild clear-
ance that seldom poses problems
for opposing defenders, the ball
can be played around from man to
man and gradually worked upfield.

The majority of Liverpool's
attacks are built-up patiently from
the back, although the occasional
goal does result from a long fly-kick
from yours truly to a well-placed
forward.

I referred earlier to a time last season in which our defence struggled. This was due to a combination of reasons. Injuries to key men or loss of form and the fact we were in a transitional period.

At Liverpool it takes time for any newcomers to adjust to our particular, unique style, as many now-established players will testify. Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott, for instance.

That was the case with Alan Hansen, in his first season after being bought from a Scottish club for £100,000. Not only was our style foreign to him, but it was his baptism in English football, which is faster and generally more demanding than that played North of the border.

Alan has incredible skill on the ground, backed up by supreme confidence. What he lacked was the

ability to concentrate one hundred per cent for the entire duration of a game.

His lapse in the 89th minute of the European Cup Final against Bruges at Wembley last May could have cost us the trophy. In attempting a back pass to me he failed to strike the ball hard enough, with the result that a Bruges player got in a challenge. He and I collided and another Belgian shot for goal.

But there was Phil Thompson on the line to kick clear!

Phil had automatically covered for me as I had come out for the ball, an example of the team-work we have developed over the years.

After that lapse, I'm sure Alan's concentration will improve this season, to shape him into one of the most capable defenders ever to wear a Liverpool shirt.

There's no such thing as a perfect

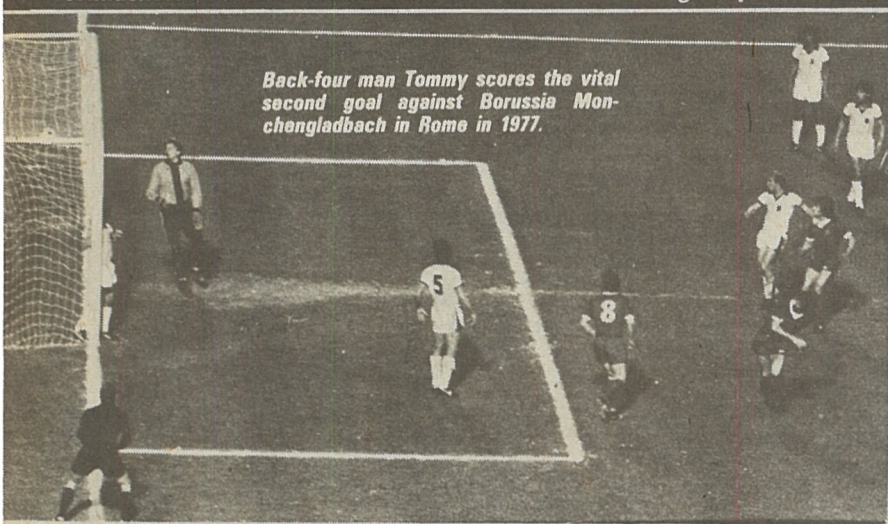
Fourth Division with Crewe.

Strikers rarely seem to make the grade as a manager — at least in the top flight — the exception being Brian Clough. But he's part of a "double act", the other "half" of which was once a 'keeper!

If I had to pick a back-four from other First Division teams, this would be my line-up;

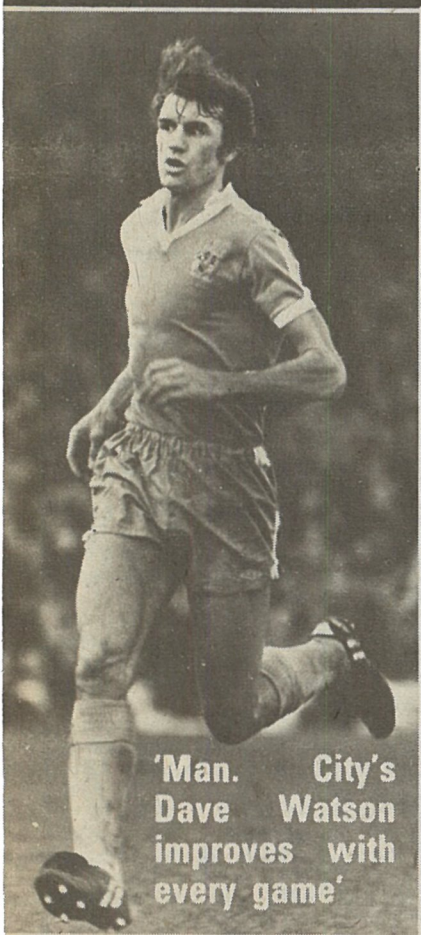
David O'Leary of Arsenal, very fast on his feet, sure in the tackle and constructive; Martin Buchan of Manchester United, a fine reader of the game, with good pace and the ability to remain calm; Derek Statham of West Bromwich Albion, a classy left-back who must soon get into the full England side; and Q.P.R.'s Dave Clement, almost as good an all-rounder as our Phil Neal.

A defence that could stop goals and score them, too.



Back-four man Tommy scores the vital second goal against Borussia Mönchengladbach in Rome in 1977.

'Tommy Smith — not just a goal-stopper'



'Man. City's Dave Watson improves with every game'

defence — even at Liverpool!

But by being utterly conversant with each other's play we are less likely to make a mistake. And when we do, a team-mate is usually there, like Phil, to rectify it.

I believe that England's problems stemmed from not having a settled back-four. It was hard for me, but even harder for them. At times several defenders were going for the same ball!

I believe the best position for a captain is in defence. Preferably in a central position. From there he is able to see everything, work out tactics and direct operations.

I was interested to note two World Cup teams were led by goal-keepers — Dino Zoff for Italy and Leao for Brazil. This was not for tactical reasons, though. Merely because they play for countries where it is customary for the most-capped player to be captain.

I agree with Aston Villa's Jimmy Rimmer, who pointed out in a recent SHOOT article the drawbacks to having a captain in goal.

He's badly-placed to study the game, and secondly, cannot get involved in the action beyond his area.

Most managers come from the ranks of defenders or midfielders. Our own Bob Paisley was once a half-back at the club.

The only 'keeper to have made a success of the job in recent years is Harry Gregg, the former Manchester United 'keeper, and he is in the

And whose capabilities are also possessed in some measure by the back-four of the team we face this Saturday, Manchester City, away at Maine Road.

In the centre they have Dave Watson, who improves every time I play against him, and with him for England. A former striker, he is very dangerous at set-pieces.

Alongside him will be their new signing, Paul Futcher, who could be vulnerable until he settles down and becomes accustomed to City's players and way of doing things.

Willie Donachie will probably be at left-back. Very dangerous coming forward, he has a suspect temperament, often showing dissent to referees. I find this amazing, as off the field he is so quiet and inoffensive.

At right-back will probably be Kenny Clements. If he has a weakness, it's lack of concentration.

Likely to be our main challengers for the title, City will be out to get that win they hope will give them a psychological advantage for our next meeting later in the season.

On the other hand, if we beat them, their morale won't be very high when they come to Anfield!

Ray Clemence



WHAT OUR INTERNATIONAL MANAGERS HOPE FOR

ENGLAND manager Ron Greenwood is excited at the prospect of building a new future for the national team.

"It's very exciting to think what so many of our young players are capable of achieving," he said.

"When you travel around the country looking for talent it's most encouraging to see youngsters expressing themselves and growing in stature.

"I am sure we have got rid of the depression that had set in about the England team and we can now look forward to a period of success."

The England manager, embarking on his first full season in the job, was delighted by the triumphs of Nottingham Forest, Liverpool and Ipswich Town last season.

"The right clubs won the top prizes and that has to be good because people emulate the best and these teams played good, attractive football in the right spirit."

So, who are the young players Ron Greenwood will be looking to in particular to strengthen the squad?

"I am very satisfied with the players I already have in the full international side, the B team and the Under-21's. They express themselves well in all ways and in our senior matches against Italy, Brazil and Hungary we proved we can live with the best in the world.

"Obviously I am looking at lads like Tony Woodcock and Glenn Hoddle, who are tremendous prospects.

"Glenn is a little unfortunate in that he is competing for a midfield place against players like Trevor Brooking, Tony Currie and Ray Wilkins who have all done extremely well.

"Outstanding"

"Of the younger players I will be looking for further improvements from Gary Owen, Derek Statham, John Gidman, John Deehan, Viv Anderson, Peter Barnes and Alan Kennedy, who was outstanding in New Zealand on the B team tour."

Greenwood missed the B tour because it clashed with the World Cup and he was in Argentina with Dave Sexton, Bill Taylor and Alan Wade.

"I don't think anything transmits itself quickly enough for the World

Cup to have a marked influence in our game, but I like to think Argentina's victory was a continuation of the good things that happened in our game last season."

Ron Greenwood can look forward to clocking up quite a few miles in the next few months.

"I saw every First Division side

'More contact with club bosses'

RON GREENWOOD
(England)

last season and all but two on their own grounds. I believe it is my duty to see them as often as possible.

"People still accuse me of not getting around to them enough — Aston Villa did last season and I went there five times so goodness knows how many times would have satisfied them.

"Finally, I am hoping to make contact with more clubs and managers because only by involving more people and making them part of the revival of the national team that is going on will we be successful," he said.



Argentina's victory in the World Cup was a continuation of the good points that happened last season.

WALES are set to become a consistent power in world football. That is the conviction of manager Mike Smith who insists: "This is no tongue-in-cheek kite flying. The facts of our football speak for themselves — and the European Championship coming up is a marvellous opportunity to prove ourselves once more."

In the last Championship, Wales were the only British nation to reach the Quarter-Finals; in the World Cup, they went out to Scotland only by an own-goal at Hampden Park and that cruel Joe Jordan-handled penalty goal at Anfield Road; in the British Championship last May, Wales were runners-up for the second successive year.

"Our entire story of recent seasons is one of making progress; then building on that progress," states Smith, that most thorough of national managers.

In the past it has been a lack of goalscorers which has held back so much of the bright promise of Welsh football but Smith is convinced that those days are over.

"Suddenly, it has started to change for us.

"Alan Curtis at last came good in the British Championship; Carl Harris gave brilliant performances against West Germany and then



Wales midfielder Brian Flynn (above) in action against Yugoslavia during a European Championship tie at Ninian Park in 1976.

'We must build on our progress'
MIKE SMITH

(Wales)

against the Home countries; Phil Dwyer has shown he is a problem for anyone; Nick Deacy had his best game for Wales against Northern Ireland last May.

"We now have a range of options. Curtis, Dwyer and Deacy



are all central strikers and then, of course, there is also John Toshack whom no one should forget about.

"On the left flank, we can go for Leighton James — who is set on

proving himself all over again as a world-class player — Les Cartwright and Mickey Thomas who will both be experiencing Second Division football with Wrexham from now on.

"On the right flank, there are two First Division wingers in Harris and Donato Nardiello who has recovered from that nasty injury he sustained playing for Coventry last season.

"Our choice of players is never going to be as wide as that enjoyed by England and Scotland — but we have never had so many available at one time."

The drive will still come from that superb midfield trio of skipper Terry Yorath, darting Brian Flynn and the industrious John Mahoney.

"Terry's consistency for Coventry last season made it the best of his career; Brian and John both had fine seasons, too, in the First Division. So there is nothing to worry about there — although, of course, we have to do without Terry in the opening European Championship game against Malta because of a suspension."

IN 1978-79

'Success in Europe — for club and country'

JOHNNY GILES

(Republic of Ireland)

REPUBLIC of Ireland manager Johnny Giles, back with Shamrock Rovers after a summer season with the Philadelphia Fury, says his main hope is for his country to qualify for the European Championship Quarter-Finals.

"That would be a big breakthrough. We had good results in the past but we've never made the Finals of the competition, nor the World Cup — yet.

"We've got a lot of good players in the Irish squad and, although we didn't win, our display against Denmark indicated the signs for the future were good.

"I want Shamrock Rovers to do better than we did last season and I'm also hoping we do well in the Cup-Winners' Cup. To do well, for me, would be to get a good run — and win it, if possible, although that would be fantastic.

"For the good of the game I hope the emphasis this season will be on skill and positive play — negative play doesn't do any good.

"The World Cup proved skill comes out on top in the end. The Argentinians were very skilful and so were West Germany in 1974.

"Of course, you must have the players first — there is no point



going out to copy Argentina if you haven't got the players."

He continued: "At Shamrock Rovers we've got a lot of new young players and you never know who might come through this season as Pierce O'Leary and Larry Murray did last term.

"I enjoyed my football in the United States during the summer. Some of their facilities — completely closed-in stadia, astroturf, etc. — are just a dream where we are concerned. And a lot of their promotional stuff just wouldn't be on over here.

"No, we'll concentrate on improving our game. If we can produce the goods on the pitch we will attract the crowds as happened when we started to put it together towards the end of last season."

ALLY MacLeod was looking ahead and planning for the future even before taking his squad of 22 to Argentina for the World Cup Finals in June.

Win, lose or draw, MacLeod already had thoughts of rebuilding his international team. The disappointments of the World Cup may hasten his thinking, but the team manager has always maintained: "Scotland is rich in pure soccer talent.

"We know what we like in Scotland, the sort of players we want, the sort of players we produce. We have always had great individuals."

The trouble in the past is that these great individuals have never always played together as a team. MacLeod will be looking for players this season who will be able to blend within his team structure.

It's really not too clear how he is going to go about reconstructing the side that fell from grace in Argentina. Willie Johnston, Don Masson and Lou Macari are out of the running and MacLeod will be trying to replace them in his squad with younger players.

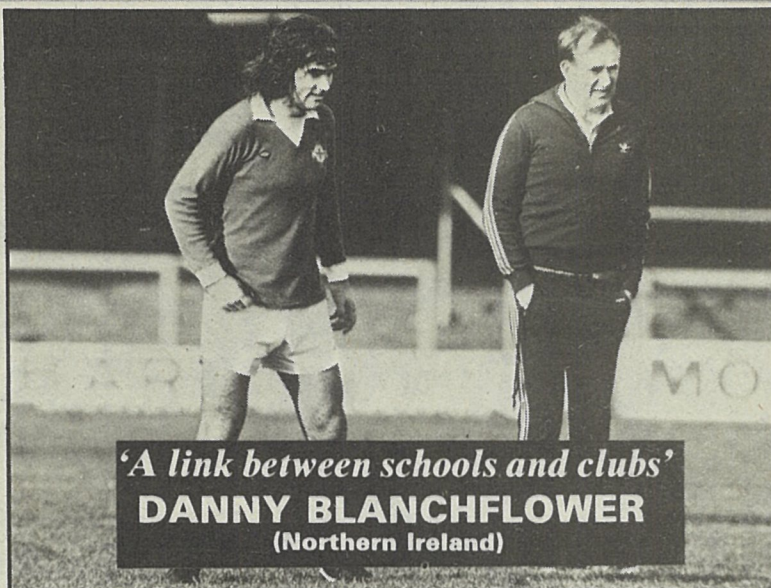
Youngsters who are obviously very much part of his plans are Aberdeen's skilful sweeper and skipper Willie Miller and St. Mirren's powerful midfielder Tony Fitzpatrick.



"One of these lads will surely captain his country in the future," says MacLeod. "They could lead Scotland in the World Cup Finals in Spain in 1982. It's possible."

MacLeod will also be searching for goal power and this is where Andy Gray will surely come in. The Scottish manager was widely criticised for leaving Gray out of his travelling World Cup pool, but MacLeod will not hold that against the Aston Villa striker.

Derek Johnstone, who went to Argentina, but didn't play, is



'A link between schools and clubs'

DANNY BLANCHFLOWER

(Northern Ireland)

OF all the four Home international managers the one who has the highest mountain to climb is undoubtedly Danny Blanchflower, of Northern Ireland.

Danny, looking forward to his second full season in charge of his national side, admits most folk across the Irish Sea don't understand the problems.

"I am trying to talk to people who just don't comprehend what we ought to be trying to achieve."

Blanchflower says: "We are getting left behind year after year, and with every World Cup we get a little further out of touch.

"Our resources are very limited and what I'm hoping for really is that we can start a scheme whereby boys leaving school become attached to clubs and then we have a chance of grooming them.

"At the moment if another George Best comes on the scene we probably don't know how to cope with his talent.

"If I'd been manager when George first came into the side, I hope I'd have had the squad disciplined enough to be able to get the best out of him, and for him to get help from the other players.

"He was very good with me when I took over, and of course he was a tremendous crowd-puller, but he was not part of the future of

Northern Ireland at the time."

One thing Blanchflower has started to do is introduce youngsters playing in Ireland into the international squad: A. to give them experience of being in a party with top players from the Football League. B. to get them fit in a way they've never been.

"I've got a young boy called Tom Sloane who looks as if he has tremendous potential, and, of course, we brought Johnstone and Connell into the British Championship last May."

Referring to the World Cup, Danny felt it would be asking a great deal of his players to learn much from Argentina.

"Contrary to many people I thought there was some excellent football played in Argentina. Those were the world's best players and I don't think we should expect too many of our players to reproduce things we saw out there.

"What I am really looking for in the new season is for the Irish F.A. to get down to the job of building a link between the schools and the clubs, to try and make sure apathy doesn't set in, and for our players to enjoy themselves and show decent behaviour.

"They don't have the same pressures on them as other sides, for whom winning is all-important no matter how it's achieved."

another who should be given the opportunity to stake a permanent first team claim.



'Youth to have a chance'

ALLY MacLEOD

(Scotland)

Youth, though, will be scrutinised by MacLeod. He will be looking for mature youngsters who are willing to fight all the way for their country and he will certainly be having a look at Celtic's Roddie MacDonald, Tommy Burns and Roy Aitken.

He will also run the rule over Rangers' Bobby Russell as well as St. Mirren's exciting raider Frank McGarvey.

MacLeod gave places in his World Cup 40 to other youngsters such as Dundee United's Dave Narey, Paul Hegarty and Graeme Payne, Coventry's Ian Wallace, Leeds' Frankie Gray, Ipswich's John Wark and Spurs' Neil McNab.

There is so much for MacLeod to search out, but he can still count himself lucky to have experienced players such as Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Gordon McQueen, Joe Jordan, Danny McGrain, Derek Johnstone and Archie Gemmill at his disposal.

A CHAMPION



League Champions Nottingham Forest blazed their way to the Charity Shield when they fired a 5-0 win over F.A. Cup winners Ipswich Town. It was a golden start to the season — even though it was the first day of grouse shooting, there were certainly no groans from Brian Clough. ABOVE . . . Martin O'Neill makes it 1-0. LEFT . . . Peter Withe turns away in triumph after scoring Forest's second goal.



ABOVE . . . Ipswich's John Wark, playing in defence, gets the better of Tony Woodcock on this occasion.

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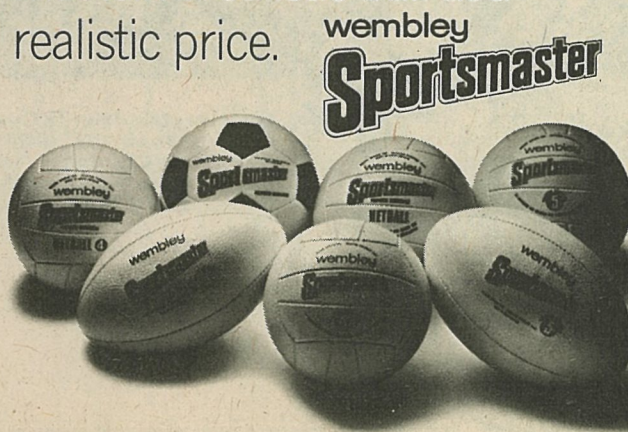
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ENTERING his 18th Football League season with just as much excitement and anticipation as his first, Bristol City's Norman Hunter is convinced the days of struggle at Ashton Gate are over. "There's a great feeling down here that we can do much more

SHOOT visits the two Bristol clubs and speaks to a veteran with vast experience at top level and a youngster with a fine future ahead of him . . .

NORMAN HUNTER — *aiming for Europe with City*

than hang on to our First Division lives this time," he said.

"I enjoyed my first full season down in the West Country, despite the disappointment of leaving Leeds after so many great times and successes with them.

"I feel as though I've started a bit of a new life down here, and now as I say, I reckon we can really do something a bit special for our supporters this season."

Norman likens the situation a little to the days when Leeds came up into the First Division back in the early '60's.

"When I first got into the Leeds side we were in the Second Division, and had only just missed relegation to the Third. But when we got into a winning routine it became habit forming and the spirit was tremendous — we got into thinking we were never going to be beaten.

"At first we had to consolidate when we were promoted, and that's exactly what Alan Dicks has done with this side.

"Obviously I'm not comparing the two sides, because at Leeds we had great players like Billy Bremner, Johnny Giles and Bobby Collins, and I think Alan would agree we're still short of a couple of players to make this a really good side — but even so when we're in the mood we can live with anyone."

City had a tremendous pre-season boost when they beat local rivals Bristol Rovers 6-1 in an Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie.

"That was a really good spanking we gave them, and it was one of those days when everything we

tried came off. The squad is really buzzing at the moment, and if we can get off to a good start it'll make life a lot easier.

"Coventry did last year after struggling the season before and look how they grew in confidence."

Hunter is delighted that City's one major summer signing was that of his old chum Terry Cooper from Middlesbrough.

"T.C. and I grew up together in that Leeds side so many years ago and he's still one of the best full-backs in the game.

"We read each other like a book and when I knew he was coming to play alongside me again I was over the moon.

"Terry was so unlucky to break a leg at the height of his career, and he's done well to play at all again. It was a bad break and at times he must have been close to quitting being out of the game for nearly two years.

"He got all his old skill and confidence back at Middlesbrough and I'm sure he'll be a big hit with the fans down here.

"If big Joe Royle can get a few goals for us along with Tom Ritchie, and if we can get the mid-field man Alan Dicks has been looking for to strengthen us, I reckon we'll have a good season down here.

"It would be rash of me to promise winning anything but I'd love to see us getting into Europe. That's my aim at least.

"Now that would be something Terry Cooper and Norman Hunter back in Europe — just like the old days at Leeds."

PAUL RANDALL — *a good chance of First Division soccer with Rovers*

WITHOUT doubt the most impressive new striker to arrive on the scene last season was Bristol Rovers' Paul Randall.

Almost unnoticed in a summer when Liverpool were signing Kenny Dalglish and Manchester City Mike Channon, the West Country club went round to little Frome Town in the Western League, and wrote out a far more modest cheque.

Yet the return for their outlay has been rich. In Randall they have found a youngster who has the power and the poise to make his mark for years to come.

His first season tally of 20 League goals — double the club's next best by Bobby Gould — marked Paul as THE one to watch in the future.

But are there fears at Eastville that teams will now be alert to Paul and more able to blot him out of a game?

Paul himself has no doubts. "That's something I'll have to learn to live with. Obviously teams are more aware of what I can do than they were when I first got into the League team.

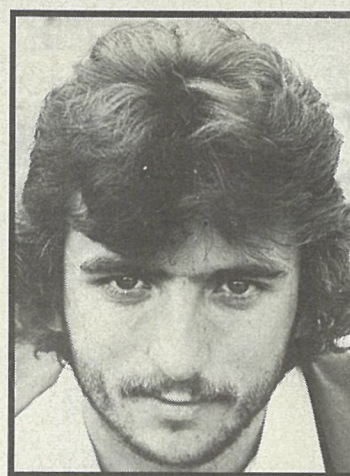
"They've nearly all seen me now, whereas before I was perhaps novelty value.

"Those Cup goals I scored against Southampton were seen by millions on television, and I suppose that was a turning point for me. People knew then that Paul Randall existed.

"It's going to be up to me to outfox the opposition and I have enough confidence in my own ability to do that."

Paul reckons Rovers have as good a chance as anyone to join their City neighbours in the First Division next season.

"We all start equal, but I can honestly say the spirit down here is tremendous. Ever since Bobby Campbell took over as manager we've had a really happy set-up.



He encourages us to play attacking football with wingers, and our results improved dramatically once he took over.

"With Miah Dennehy coming to us from Walsall, and Alan Hout from Leicester we should be a better balanced side. I reckon Miah is going to be a great asset. He's fast and tricky — he's also a great lad, and has settled in very well in his first month. He's a good laugh and all the lads get on tremendously well.

Although he backed himself for 20 goals last season, Paul is making no predictions for 1978-79.

"I'll be glad to score any goals I get. I just hope the new season is as good for me as the last one."

Paul will be watching with interest to see how Joey Scott from Falmouth Town does in his first season of League football with Bournemouth.

"Joey was top scorer down there for three years, and he's a very good player who I'm sure will do well in the League.

"Tony Kellow has scored quite a few goals down at Exeter, and I reckon there are a lot more players like the three of us who could make the grade given the chance."

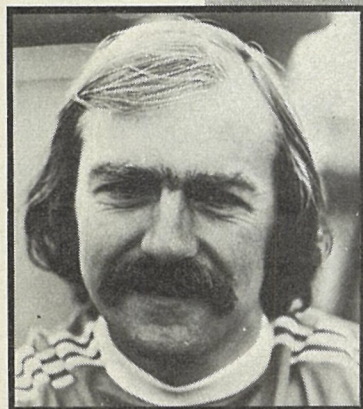
Paul won't be watching out too closely for neighbours Bristol City's results though.

"I always look for the Liverpool result first — that's where I was born — and I spend the rest of the time concentrating on life with the Rovers.

"But I do think City will have a good season. They beat us 6-1 in a pre-season match, and that was obviously a sickener to us, especially as we scored first.

"They've got some good experienced players at Ashton Gate and I don't think they'll have to hang on this time . . . they should move up the table quite a bit."

Norman (right) was delighted that City signed his old Leeds team-mate Terry Cooper (below) from Middlesbrough.



Paul scoring his first League goal for Rovers . . . v. Cardiff at the beginning of last term.

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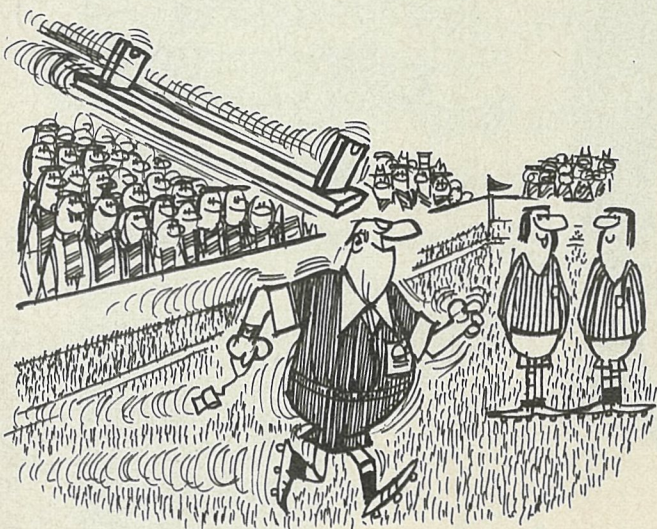
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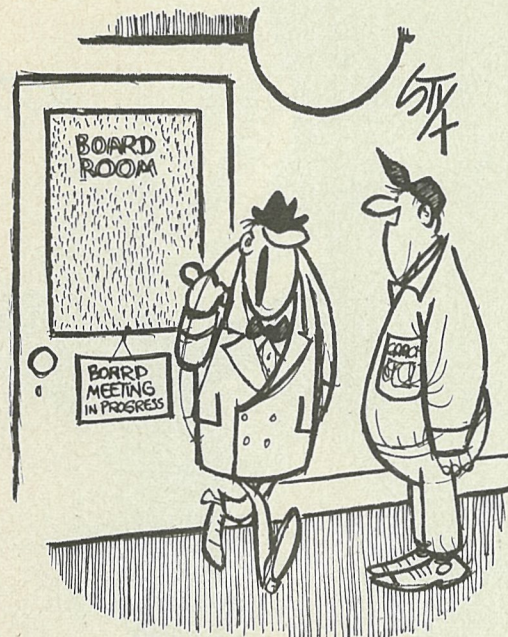


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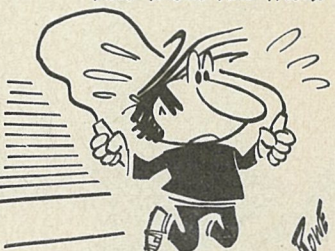
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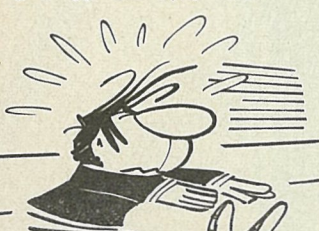
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Why wasn't Denis Law picked for the Manchester United side which beat Benfica in the 1968 European Cup Final?

**RICHARD STOKES,
SUTTON-in-ASHEFIELD**

● A fair question, Richard — but one with an equally fair, if sad, answer.

Law was unfortunately injured at the time — and, in fact, had to watch the Final on TV from a hospital bed — to rob a great player of yet another honour he thoroughly deserved.

Which clubs have been voted out of, or resigned from, the Football League since 1930?

**MICHAEL CAMM,
WORKSOP**

● First off in 1930 itself, Michael, was Merthyr Town. Then, in 1931, Newport County (quickly back in 1932) and Nelson left.

In 1932, Thames and Wigan Athletic (just back in 1978) dropped out — and the only other club before the War was Gillingham, who were not re-elected in 1938, but returned in 1950.

In 1951, New Brighton failed to get re-election; as did Gateshead in 1960. In 1962, Accrington Stanley resigned — and the last four clubs to have been voted out have been Bradford Park Avenue (1970), Barrow (1972), Workington (1977), and Southport (1978).

Please settle a bet — that only six countries have ever won the World Cup?

**DAVID THOMPSON,
MERSEYSIDE**

● Quite right, David. For the record, they are Brazil (1958, 1962, and 1970); Uruguay (1930 and 1950); Italy (1934 and 1938); West Germany (1954 and 1974); England (1966); and Argentina (1978).

Can you tell me anything about Tommy Docherty's playing career?

**MICHAEL MOORE,
CHORLEY**

● Powerful wing-half Docherty joined Celtic, Michael, after being demobbed from the army in July, 1948.

After only nine League games, though, "The Doc" was transferred to Preston — and stayed there until he went to Arsenal in August, 1958.

In 1961, Docherty moved across London to become coach at Chelsea — and, before being appointed manager in January, 1962, also played four League games for the club.

All told, his record of Scottish and Football League games was a total of 421. He also gained 25 full international caps for Scotland.

As a keen West Bromwich fan, I'd like to know the results of their F.A. Cup Finals?

**ALI CATIF,
IRAQ**

● West Brom have played in ten Finals, Ali — winning five of them.

They beat Preston 2-1 (1888); Aston Villa 3-0 (1892); Birmingham 2-1 (1931); Preston 3-2 (1954); and Everton 1-0 (1968).

And they lost to Blackburn 0-2 (1886); Aston Villa 0-2 (1887); Aston Villa 0-1 (1895); Barnsley 0-1 (1912); and Sheffield Wednesday 2-4 (1935).

Could you tell me if Huddersfield have ever won any top trophies?

**MARK CROSS,
BOURNEMOUTH**

● I'll say they have, Mark. Huddersfield may be in the humble Fourth Division for the time being — but they've a proud wealth of history behind them.

For one thing, they are one of the only two clubs — Arsenal are the other — to have been League Champions three years running.

That was in 1924, 1925, and 1926 — a hat-trick they almost increased by finishing runners-up in the next two years of 1927 and 1928. They were League runners-up once more in 1934.

Huddersfield also won the F.A. Cup in 1922 — and unsuccessfully played in the Finals of 1920, 1928, 1930, and 1938.

Who was the first English £100 - a - week footballer?

**Mrs. K. M. SCOTT,
FINCHLEY**

● England skipper Johnny Haynes was the man — and Fulham started to pay him that sum in 1961, just after the old maximum-wage was abolished, to stave off a transfer-bid from AC Milan.

But both the date — and the wage! — seem a long way off the mark nowadays.

Can you settle an argument with my brother? Which country was responsible for introducing the penalty-kick into soccer?

PAUL FOLEY,
FIRE

● Ireland did that, Paul. The Irish F.A. first experimented with the penalty-kick idea in the 1890-91 season.

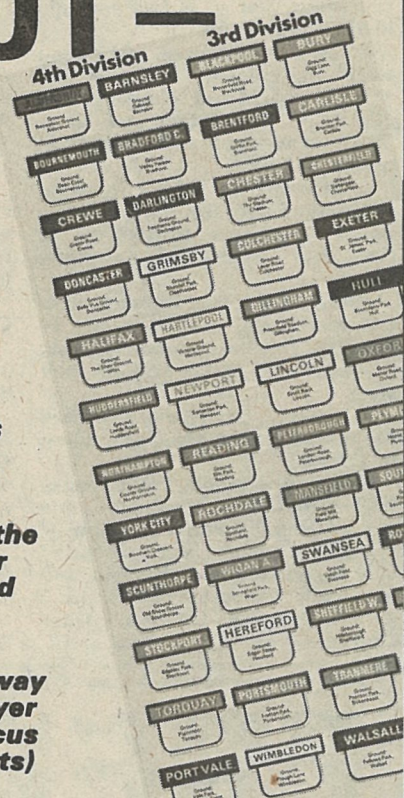
It worked out satisfactorily — and the following season the idea was adopted in England as well.

The first player to score* from a penalty in a Football League match, incidentally, was Joe Heath — for Wolves v. Accrington on 14th September, 1891.

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HERE'S some sound advice to all you betting men — don't put your money on Nottingham Forest retaining the League Championship this season!

Sorry, Cloughie, but in all honesty I don't fancy your chances of winning the title for the second successive year — as Liverpool did in 1975-76 and 1976-77.

Forest's achievements last season were magnificent and I've the utmost respect and admiration for Forest, but as yet they lack Liverpool's experience and strength in depth.

Obviously Forest will be in strong contention, but I feel they are still a couple of players short of having the team capable of emulating Liverpool.

Forest set the First Division alight last season and took everyone by surprise. This time round clubs will be better prepared to counter their style.

Remember Manchester United the season after winning promotion in 1975-76?

Before opponents could pause for breath they were top of the table and looking like real Champions.

Unfortunately, United dropped vital points towards the end and eventually settled for third spot.

Last season Forest didn't falter and with seemingly limitless confi-

my soccer scene

GORDON HILL

dence silenced critics by not only winning the Championship in fine style but the League Cup as well. The first time an English club had achieved that double.

The team Forest beat in the replayed Final of the League Cup was, of course, Liverpool . . . the side that will provide them with their first real test when they clash in the First Round of the European Cup in September.

What a shame these two had to meet so early on in this competition.

Victory over the two-year holders of the trophy will shorten Forest's Championship odds. But whatever the outcome I still stand by my earlier prediction: they will not retain their domestic title crown!

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Dave Watson soars above everyone to power a header towards Everton's goal last season.



and Aston Villa are more determined than ever not to be overshadowed by the exploits of the club from the City Ground.

This time last year I forecast Coventry City would emerge as the dark horses in the League. I wasn't far wrong, as The Sky Blues enjoyed their best ever season.

I believe they are an emerging force and may well end up among the pacesetters, but my Midlands choice for success — Derby and Forest apart — are West Brom.

Under new manager Ron Atkinson, Albion are looking good. Maybe not good enough for the title, but certainly for one of the other domestic trophies.

They reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Final last term, knocking out my old club Manchester United and new one Derby County on the way.

As the article in last week's issue of SHOOT pointed out, Ron is a winner. He's never known failure.

Jim Smith is another manager causing a great deal of interest in the Midlands . . . with Birmingham City.

New signings Don Givens (from Q.P.R.), Neil Freeman (Southend), Alan Ainscow (Blackpool) and Stewart Barrowclough (Newcastle), combined with the talents of Trevor Francis should have Blues buzzing.

The St. Andrews club have threatened to burst out of their shell for so long . . . perhaps this will be their season.

My tip for the title is . . . Manchester City!

Liverpool apart there aren't many



stronger outfits in the League — and City have proved they have the money to spend if necessary to bring the Championship to Maine Road.

Joe Corrigan, Brian Kidd, Dave Watson, Peter Barnes, Mike Channon, Asa Hartford and Paul Futcher. With talent like that available you must fancy their chances.

The strongest challenge will come from Liverpool. Although they've recently signed Kevin Sheedy from Hereford for £80,000 and £300,000 Alan Kennedy from Newcastle, I understand manager Bob Paisley is still chasing a striker to ensure they have enough power up-front to stay at the top of the ladder.

If money could buy titles, Everton would be runaway winners. They've recently bought Mickey Walsh from Blackpool, Geoff Nulty from Newcastle, and I now understand they want Derby's Colin Todd.

Manager Gordon Lee has done a magnificent job at Goodison. He's building all the time, but still has a few obstacles to climb before taking over as Merseyside's top club.

As a Cockney, I obviously would like to see all London clubs do well. Regular readers know I've a great respect for Arsenal and rate them as a team to watch for the future . . . but I've a hunch Tottenham are going to be the "capital" club in London this term.

In fact I'd tip them as outsiders for honours.

They've taken a terrific gamble in signing the two Argentinians Ardiles and Villa . . . a gamble I hope succeeds.

Spurs, who ended strongly last term, have other aces in the White Hart Lane pack — namely Steve Perryman, John Lacy (from Fulham) and Glenn Hoddle, a player destined to become one of the leading stars of the game.

I can't see much hope for the other two promoted clubs, Bolton and Southampton.

I've a tremendous respect for managers Ian Greaves and Lawrie McMenemy for what they've achieved for their clubs, but all they can hope for is to consolidate their position in the First Division.

Proof of how good Lawrie is as a boss is the offer he received from Leeds United to take over from Jimmy Armfield.

The Elland Roaders are another club you can never rule out as

possible trophy winners.

They've a long way to go before recapturing former glories, but will obviously still remain a major force in the game.

Knowing the reserve strength at Manchester United I'm afraid I can't really predict a good season for them.

Naturally, I wish them well because as I've said in the past a successful United is good for the whole game in England.

All doesn't seem well behind the scenes at Old T — which could have a distinct bearing on the way the season goes for them.

By the way . . . a belated welcome to SHOOT for new columnist Gordon McQueen who I will be alternating with throughout the season.

Man. U. kicked-off the season with a game against Birmingham City, Derby's opponents this Saturday (August 26th).

I enjoy playing at St. Andrews and generally manage to pop in a goal or two.

But as I've said, Blues could be a threat this season so I'll be happy to settle for a draw.

The following week Derby are at home to Coventry. That won't be easy, either, though I'll be very disappointed if we don't win this one.

See you in two weeks . . .

West Brom (stripes) beat Derby 3-2 in last term's F.A. Cup Fifth Round.

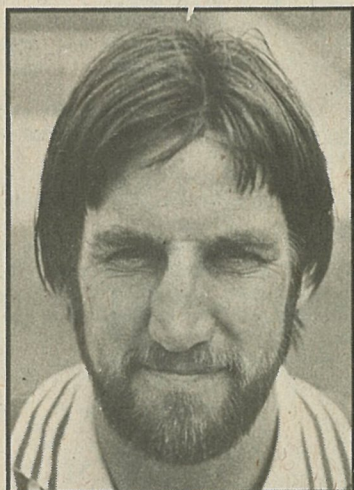


Four players turn manager and study all four

CHRIS NICHOLL (Southampton)

My selected team would be an attacking outfit, which would be made up of the following players:

GIDMAN (Aston Villa)	WATSON (Man. City)	BUCHAN (Man. United)	STATHAM (West Brom)
	KING (Everton)	BROOKING (West Ham)	
COPPELL (Man. Utd.)	GRAY (Aston Villa)	FRANCIS (Birmingham)	THOMAS (Everton)



SHILTON is the best goalkeeper around, in my opinion because of his ability to pull games out of the fire with his brilliant saves, and by doing so, helps his team to win them. At right-back, John Gidman is tremendous when he goes on the attack, and puts opponents under severe pressure. My centre-halves would be Dave Watson, very strong in the air, and very disciplined.

Alongside Dave, I choose Martin Buchan for his ability to accurately size up opposing forwards and close up any gaps in defence. To complete the back-four in a 4-2-4 formation I go for Derek Statham, who continually pushes forward on the left, and complements Gidman's pace on the other flank.

For midfield, two men I prefer are Andy King on the right and Trevor Brooking on the left. Andy likes to look for goals, keeps moving ahead to split defences, while Trevor's skill is always in evidence.

He is responsible for setting up many chances for his front-runners in the course of a season, and in fact, Trevor seems to have a hand in the majority of goals scored by West Ham.

With Andy and Trevor doing their stuff in the engine room, I would expect my side to constantly keep their opponents off balance during a match.

Then up-front to make the most of the opportunities created by attacking football, I plump for four men who can be so dangerous around the penalty-area.

First, Steve Coppell, always progressive but capable of lending a hand further back, is my outside-

right. And Andy Gray and Trevor Francis form a great twosome in the centre, where both of them are match-winners in their own right.

Andy is a lethal type of centre-forward, a non-stop competitor who bravely charges in to make the most of any half-chances in or around the box. Linking up with him, Trevor Francis is a player who can manufacture goals out of nothing, and has all the skill, determination and quickness required in the top class striker.

On the left-wing Dave Thomas is a great goal-provider, making ground and finding the openings to deliver his pin-point crosses. Summing up, I would say my team is chosen for a policy of attack, and geared to over-run opposing defences.

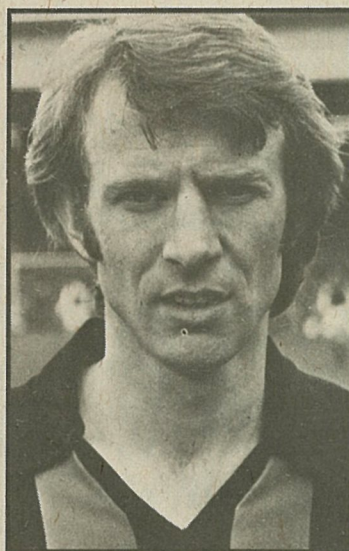


West Brom defender Derek Statham gets into good goalscoring positions when he pushes forward.

DAVID MILLS (Middlesbrough)

My best team of players selected from the English League and lined up in a 4-4-2 formation would be:

	CLEMENCE (Liverpool)		
NATTRASS (Newcastle Utd.)	WATSON (Man. City)	BEATTIE (Ipswich)	KENNEDY (A) (Liverpool)
GEMMILL (Nottm. Forest)	SOUNESS (Liverpool)	BROOKING (West Ham)	BRADY (Arsenal)
	DALGLISH (Liverpool)	FRANCIS (Birmingham)	



ALTHOUGH there is little to choose between certain players for some positions, Ray Clemence gets my vote in goal because of his impressive consistency over the years. At centre-half, Dave Watson and Kevin Beattie are the ideal duo to seal off the middle to opposing strikers, and their positional sense and reading of the play spreads confidence to their colleagues around them.

My two full-backs, Irving Natrass and Alan Kennedy are first-class defenders. Both are quick, with Alan having a slight edge on speed, and the pair of them are good at going forward and also getting back — they use the ball well.

In midfield, Archie Gemmill's spirit and probing runs are a feature of his game, while I would use Graeme Souness as the anchor man, the player to collect the ball from his back-four and distribute it intelligently. In the middle of midfield, Trevor Brooking gains his place because of his skills and ability to prompt the attack. And Liam Brady's creative ability on the left would give balance to this important department of the team.

Up-front, my choice would be Kenny Dalglish and Trevor Francis, two class players who can create chances and know how to stick the



Trevor Brooking's superb skill and ability gains him a place in all four teams.

ball in the back of the net. Kenny is excellent as a target man, shields the ball well under pressure, and brings other players into the game. Trevor is effective all-round, good in the air and on the ground, and never afraid to take players on.

The side I've selected is one I believe would acquit itself well anywhere, as it has a blend of skill, courage and dedication. Trying to assess its worth on the transfer market is enough to make the mind boggle!

Divisions of the Football League to select:

OF ALL THE TALENTS'

JOHN RICHARDS (Wolves)

My best team from the English League, not including any of my club mates, would be a 4-4-2 formation as follows:

JENNINGS
(Arsenal)

GIDMAN
(Aston Villa)

WATSON
(Man. City)

BURNS
(Nottm. Forest)

KENNEDY (A)
(Liverpool)

WILKINS
(Chelsea)

GEMMILL
(Nottm. Forest)

BROOKING
(West Ham)

BRADY
(Arsenal)

DALGLISH
(Liverpool)

MARINER
(Ipswich)



PAT Jennings is my choice in goal because he has been so outstanding for so long that I can't think of a better 'keeper. My right-back, John Gidman, not only forces the opposing winger back by his thrustful play but also does so much to worry the back-four men of the other side.

The centre-halves Dave Watson and Kenny Burns make an effective pair, with Dave so dominating in the air and Kenny a versatile player who uses the ball well and shows fine positional sense.

At left-back Alan Kennedy is fast, makes repeated raids on his flank and is back in defence when needed.

With four men in midfield, I aim to have strength in this area, with Ray Wilkins on the right a player with good vision who delivers slide-rule passes. Then there is Archie Gemmill, who inspires team-mates by example, his non-stop style and his spirit — I would depend on him to lead the others.

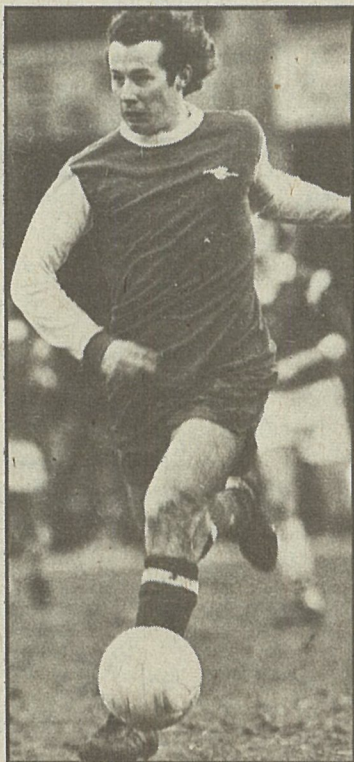
For sheer skill, and runs to the dead-line before crossing, plus his liking to get into the box I choose Trevor Brooking, relying on Liam Brady to give balance to the midfield with his educated left foot.

This means, I would hope to have this section of the team fully equipped in every way to dictate

the play, and carry the ball from the back successfully to put their own players on the attack.

Up-front, Kenny Dalglish and Paul Mariner are two players with all the qualities necessary to win matches. Kenny is a remarkable player who can do just about everything.

He is very clever at shielding the ball, poses a constant threat to opponents, is hard to mark, has nice touches and directs his passes neatly. Paul is a brave complete striker, intelligent and strong — he would be an ideal partner for Kenny, because on top of everything else this pair can score goals.



Arsenal's Liam Brady would give balance to the midfield.

TOMMY HUTCHISON (Coventry)

My ideal side, excluding players from my own team, would be a 4-2-4 line-up as follows:

CLEMENCE
(Liverpool)

NEAL
(Liverpool)

McQUEEN
(Man. United)

BUCHAN
(Man. United)

DONACHIE
(Man. City)

GEMMILL
(Nottm. Forest)

BROOKING
(West Ham)

COPPELL
(Man. United)

DALGLISH
(Liverpool)

TOSHACK
(Swansea)

BARNES
(Man. City)

As a goalkeeper, Ray Clemence has been brilliant throughout the years, maintaining a very high standard which stamps him as the top man in his position. In front of Ray, I plump for his Liverpool club-mate, Phil Neal — Phil is good at going forward, gives a lot of support to his forwards, and has a fine understanding with Clemence.

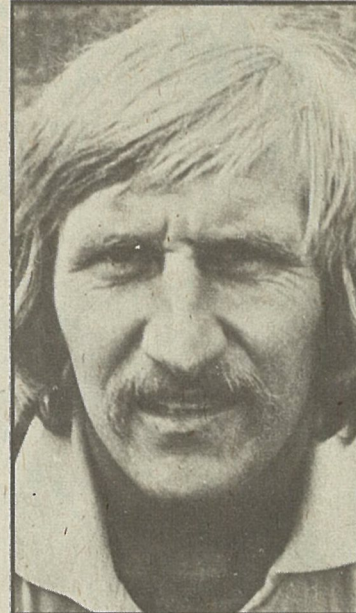
And at left-back, Willie Donachie distributes the ball intelligently, and is well-used to the style of club-mate Peter Barnes up-front. In between the full-backs, Gordon McQueen, probably the best centre-half in Europe and fast for his size, would form an ideal partnership with the talented, no-nonsense Martin Buchan.

With only two men in midfield, I would need players of the calibre of Archie Gemmill and Trevor Brooking to control this vital area. And I couldn't wish for two better men to take charge — Archie, always available to help out in defence, is also a player who links up well with his front runners, including wingers, and is ready to pounce on any ball on the edge of the opposing penalty-area.

Trevor, a skilful manipulator, gives strong backing to his attack, and likes to make his way to the goal-line to put over a cross.

In the forward line, Steve Coppel is my choice on the right-wing, because I rate him as the ideal working winger who can also drop back into midfield if the opposition is strong in this department. On the other flank, I would rely on Barnes as the direct, forcing winger whose end product is a good supply of balls into the goalmouth.

And to take fullest advantage of these crosses, there would be Kenny Dalglish and John Toshack. Not only is John an outstanding



header of the ball, I believe he would be capable of striking up the same sort of understanding with Kenny that he enjoyed with Kevin Keegan at Liverpool.

But I think that more goals would result from Toshack's link-up with Dalglish than the Keegan-Toshack combination, because I rate Kenny as a better finisher than Kevin. In addition, Dalglish is clever at shielding the ball, giving his team-mates time to come up in support of the attack, then making his telling passes.



Steve Coppel can operate on the right-wing or in midfield if the need arises.

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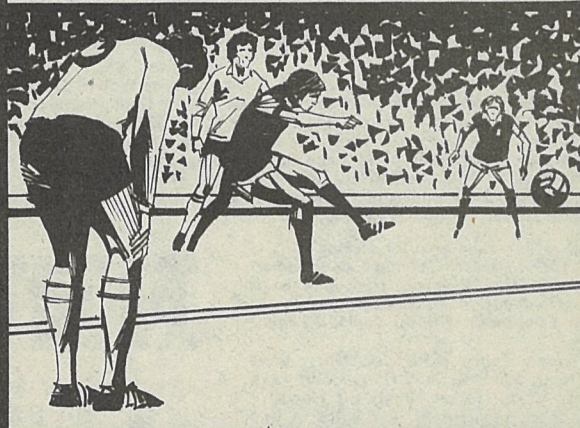


In many junior and senior matches, players do not shout their colleagues' name when going for the ball, but simply "OK, it's mine". What should the referee do in these situations?

OK, IT'S MINE

2

If a player is slightly injured, should the referee stop the game?



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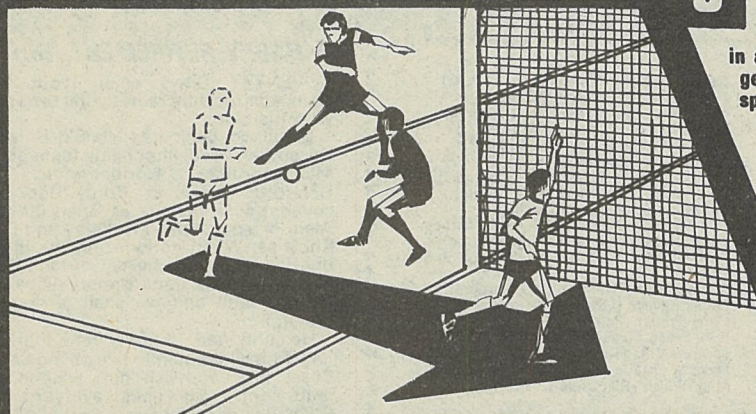
It has been known in a match played in a strong wind, for a player's throw-in to be blown directly into his opponent's goal. What is the correct

decision here? (a) a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) have the throw re-taken?



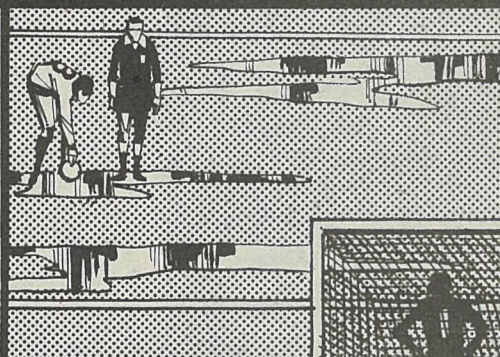
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Sometimes a defending player who cannot get to an attacker deliberately steps off the field of play in order to place his opponent in an offside position. Should the referee (a) carry on with play or (b) stop play and award an indirect free-kick for offside?



5

You have awarded a penalty-kick. But the pitch is in a waterlogged state and the penalty-spot is partly flooded. Is the player taking the kick allowed to place the ball elsewhere other than on the mark? (a) Yes — as long as it is 12 yards from the goal-line, (b) No — it must be placed on the penalty-mark.



ANSWERS

1. If the referee considers an opponent was put off by the shout, he should issue a caution to the caller for ungentlemanly conduct, and restart the game with an indirect free-kick. Many players think they must call a team-mate's name, under these circumstances, but this is not so. When I'm refereeing in European matches, I don't know players' names, so I have to watch if they are distracted by the shout.

2. The referee should only stop the game if, in his opinion, the player has been seriously injured. During the World Cup Finals in West Germany and Argentina, we were told not to stop the game for injuries unless players were seriously hurt. Also, only the groundsman to remark the spot. A most unusual case in a top game.

3. A goal-kick (b).

4. The referee should allow play to continue and caution the defender, when the game has stopped (a).

5. No player has the right to change the penalty-mark (b). In a Football League match last season, the penalty-mark was not to be seen, so the referee stopped play and asked the

two members (trainer and doctor) were allowed to come on to the field and they were not to treat the injured player. If he could not continue the referee would wave for a stretcher.



Quality Products 'Made' by Wolves

GEORGE Berry (left) and Bob Hazell, the two young Wolves defenders emerged as key players last season at Molineux and manager Sammy Chung expects both of them to play an important role in the improving fortunes of the Midland team this season.

On their form last season both are tipped for international recognition.

Both are determined players and their fresh approach to the game was one of the few pleasing features at the end of last season when Wolves just escaped relegation.

They are both products of Wolves youth policy and testimony of the quality of players on the production line at Molineux.

ONE of the most peculiar scoring feats of the 1977-78 season belonged to Stockport County's Ken Fogarty. His three goals comprised one in the League, one in the F.A. Cup, and one in the Football League Cup.

George Telfer (Everton), Gary Jones (Bolton), Mick Mellows (Portsmouth) and Mick Martin (West Brom) all scored in both Cup competitions, but failed to find the net even once in all those League games.

Another strange fact: Nottingham Forest's Ian Bowyer scored twice as many goals (six) as he did in the League (three).

But perhaps the oddest fact of all was that Frank Clark's goal for Nottingham Forest against Ipswich Town was his first in the Football League — in his 483rd match!

That's not a record mind you... Willfred Milne opened his account for Swansea in his 501st match!

● Player with the oddest nick-name in Scotland? It must be Celtic's John McCuskey, who is called "The Friar" by all at Parkhead — although nobody knows where the tag came from.



HIDDEN EXPENSES

WHEN a club makes a major signing of a player from another part of the country, there are a lot of hidden expenses apart from the actual fee, wages, etc. Take the case of Liverpool's signing of Kenny Dalglish.

For eight months after his move down from Glasgow, Kenny, his wife Marina and children Kelly and Paul stayed at a hotel until they could find a suitable house. That cost Liverpool around £900 a month!

NEWS DESK

Compiled by
Peter Stewart



TRANSFERS

(to end of July)

Alan Ainscow (Blackpool to Birmingham)
Oswaldo Ardiles (Huracan (Arg) to Spurs)
Paul Barron (Plymouth to Arsenal)
Les Bradd (Notts Co. to Stockport)
Steve Brennan (Crystal Palace to Plymouth)
Garry Briggs (Middlesbro to Oxford U.)
Mick Butler (Huddersfield to Bournemouth)
Keith Coleman (West Ham to KV Mechelen (Belg.))
Terry Cooper (Middlesbro to Bristol C.)
Vic Davidson (Motherwell to Blackpool)
Miah Dennehy (Walsall to Bristol R.)
Mike Elwiss (Preston to Crystal Pal.)
Alun Evans (Walsall to Hellas (Australia))
John Flynn (Sheffield U. to Rotherham)
Neil Freeman (Southend U. to Birmingham)
Mick French (Swindon to Doncaster R.)
Paul Futecher (Luton T. to Man. City)
Jim Gardiner (Portadown to Burnley)
Don Givens (Q.P.R. to Birmingham)
Bill Green (West Ham to Peterborough)
Derek Hales (West Ham to Charlton A.)

BOURNEMOUTH'S NEW STRIKING TRIO

YOU could say that the summer recess has seen a bit of a clean sweep at Bournemouth.

Not only have half-a-dozen new players arrived, and just about as many left Dean Court, but the club is going to participate in a scheme whereby they collect a penny a packet for any cigarette envelopes left lying around the terraces.

This is just one of a number of schemes the club is putting into practice in conjunction with Rothmans, who are "supporting" rather than sponsoring Bournemouth.

There'll be the usual round of pub and club quizzes and the club is keen to make the public aware of everything they are doing to improve laying results in the long run.

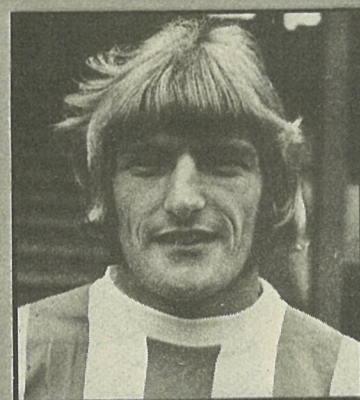
As for the changes in the team Bournemouth are putting a heavy emphasis on improving their striking rate.

Manager John Benson has signed three men all with a reputation for finding the net.

Leading the trio is Huddersfield Town's Mick Butler, who was one of the Fourth Division's top scorers last season, and has cost £15,000 — the biggest cheque signed by the club for a few years.

Mick was a First Division star in the making when he first came into the League with Barnsley. But after a succession of injuries he moved on to Huddersfield where he only really regained his scoring touch last season — including two hat-tricks in that tally.

The name Joey Scott won't mean quite so much — but if your a follower of the Western League then you'll know all about his exploits.



Mick Butler

Joey has been the League's leading scorer during his last three seasons with Falmouth Town, and big things are expected of him once he's adjusted to the extra pace of League football.

Tony Kellow and Paul Randall have proved that you can adapt quite quickly and if Joey does as well Bournemouth will be well satisfied.

The third striking arrival is Steve Massey who made close on 100 League appearances with Stockport County, and scored some very useful goals last season.

Add to them Kenny Brown whose experience will be invaluable after over 250 appearances for Barnsley, Graham Weeks, a mid-field player with first team appearances under his belt at Exeter, and a new goalkeeper Dave Danson, on three-months trial from West Ham, and you can see that Bournemouth have been far from inactive during the summer break.

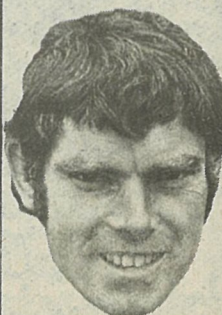
A HAPPY RETIREMENT, BOB

COVENTRY City's chief scout Bob Dennison recently retired after ten years with the club.

Dennison, 66, joined The Sky Blues in December, 1968, after being manager of Middlesbrough, Northampton and Hereford. While at Boro, Bob discovered such players as Brian Clough, Alan Peacock, Edwin Holliday and Cyril Knowles. When announcing the news, the Highfield Road boss, Gordon Milne, said: "Bob has done a marvellous job for this club and we shall always be grateful."

He continued: "I understand that it is now Bob's intention to live on the South Coast and we wish him well in his retirement." So does everyone on SHOOT.

A BRIGHTER NEWPORT



LEN Ashurst has never been one to let the grass grow under his feet and you can bet it'll be the same now he's joined Newport County as manager.

Colin Addison put the Somerton Park club back on its feet again after they came so close to extinction, and now that he's joined up with Ron Atkinson at West Brom, it's up to Ashurst to keep the impetus going.

The former Sunderland full-back, and Gillingham and Sheffield Wednesday manager has started by recruiting the dependable Richard Walden from his last club. Another newcomer is midfield player or

full-back Trevor Thompson from West Brom, while trials are being given to Richard Brinkworth, from Swindon, Steve Warriner, from Liverpool, and Grant Davies, from Preston. Certainly the Newport ground should look better for a lick of paint this season.

During the summer £15,000 has been spent on ground improvements including a new gymnasium. And there's also been a complete reshuffle of staff. In addition to Len Ashurst, there's a new secretary Philip Dauncey and a new commercial manager Ken James who takes over from Mike Lewis, now with Spurs.

Football Association Year Book 1978-79

OUR 29th July issue carried an advertisement for the Football Association Yearbook 1978-79 which gave a publication date of 11th August. The publishers: William Clowes Ltd., 31 Newgate, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9QB, regret the book will not now be available until 25th August. This was due to late copy following the World Cup in Argentina and delayed receipt of fixture lists.

However, the book is worth waiting for because of an extra section on the World Cup and a superb additional four colour photographic section.

Every effort will be made to supply outstanding orders at the earliest.



A TIMELY HITCH... that's what St. Mirren striker Bobby Torrance (above) must be thinking. He took over from £250,000-rated Frank McGarvey for the match against Hamilton while his teammate was being married... and promptly impressed new manager Jim Clunie by scoring five goals in an 8-3 victory.

"How could a player like that play most of last season in the reserves?" asked Clunie afterwards. "He might even have scored more. It's going to be a happy problem sorting out whether I play Bobby or Frank... or both during the season!"

IF former Welsh international Wyn Davies ever leaves Crewe Alexandra for another League club he'll set up a record of playing for no fewer than TEN clubs. The roll call at the moment is Wrexham, Bolton Wanderers, Newcastle United, Manchester City, Manchester United, Blackpool, Crystal Palace, Stockport County and Crewe.



SPECIAL GUEST

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, and Northern Ireland international, Hugh Dowd was a special guest at the local Armstrong Cup soccer Final in Armagh, N. Ireland recently.

His task was to choose the player of the match and present him with his award. This must have brought back memories for Hugh because several years ago, before he entered the big time soccer scene, he played in the Armstrong Cup competition for the local Richhill side.

The photograph shows Hugh presenting the player of the match award to Andy Gordon, of Armagh Blues team, this year's winners.

ADVANCE BOOKING

THE F.A. of Ireland have arranged a special ticket scheme for their four home games in the European Championship. For £20, fans can book a stand ticket in advance for Eire's home ties against Northern Ireland (20th September), England (25th October), Denmark (2nd May, 1979) and Bulgaria (17th October, 1979).

Lansdowne Road, the Irish Rugby Union's headquarters, has been made venue for all the games.



NEIL FREEMAN, the young goalkeeper who was allowed to leave both Arsenal and Grimsby, is all out to make it in the big time.

The Northampton-born 'keeper ended a two-year spell at Southend by signing for First Division Birmingham in July.

Neil, who first attracted attention when playing for the Army's Southern Command Youth side, signed professional for Arsenal in June, 1972.

He had loan periods at both Northampton and Grimsby before the Mariners signed him in March, 1974. But a free transfer followed two years later.

He cost Birmingham £50,000 and that could be almost doubled after 25 League games and if he wins an England cap.

● Hillsborough Boys' Club, one of the leading schoolboy outfits in Northern Ireland, had its first major success in its nine-year existence, when the Under-14 side won the Helsinki Cup in a close-season tournament, in Finland.

OFF... OFF

ALTHOUGH Cambridge have been a League club for a mere eight seasons they have already had 13 players dismissed in League matches. What a contrast to Queens Park Rangers who in 32 Post-War seasons have had just three players sent-off.

STOKE City goalkeeper Peter Fox underwent the remarkable experience of playing for clubs in all four Divisions of the Football League within 12 months — and he's still only 20.

Sheffield Wednesday (Third) loaned Peter in turn to West Ham (First) and Barnsley (Fourth) then sold him to Stoke City (Second) for £15,000.

NEVER has there been a case of three brothers collecting 100 League goals each, but it could happen with the Clarke family.

Barnsley's former England international Allan and Carlisle's Frank Clarke are both well passed the ton, while Orient's Derek is around the 50 mark with plenty of time to add.

SOCCER IN THE STATES



EARLY END FOR SMITH

TOMMY SMITH'S disappointing season at the Los Angeles Aztecs ended prematurely when he was sacked as player-coach three days before the end of the regular season.

While the Aztecs were playing their penultimate home game at the Rose Bowl, the disillusioned Smith (above) was on a London-bound jet.

The Liverpool iron-man was told to start packing after an outburst against club president Larry Friend.

Said Smith: "I would never have thought it possible for one man to ruin a franchise in a single season but it happened before my very eyes."

"I've never been one to make excuses for losing. If we're a bad side, I'll admit it. The reason our lads didn't play well was because none of them knew where he stood."

"I wanted to keep Charlie Cooke but Larry Friend traded him to Memphis against my wishes. The guy hired me to give him advice but he never listened."

Nothing seems to have gone right for Smith since the accident that ruled him out of Liverpool's European Cup Final triumph. Now he's wondering whether there's a place for him in the Anfield line up.

CRUYFF 'SIGNS' FOR COSMOS

THE Cosmos officially released the worst-kept secret in the NASL when they announced the signing of Johan Cruyff for two post-season exhibition games.

You can bet your last dollar that Cruyff will also be on League duty for the club next summer.

Instant Hit

RANGERS' new manager John Greig must have been impressed by Inverness Caley striker Billy Urquart's performance when he played against the Ibrox side in a pre-season friendly. He scored two goals as his side lost 6-3... and immediately after the game he was signed by Greig! No fee was named, but it was five figures and is likely to be a record for a Highland League player. Hibs and Middlesbrough were also interested in Urquart.

FINAL TABLES

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	P	L	F	APTS	
COSMOS	30	24	6	88	212
WASHINGTON	30	16	14	55	145
TORONTO	30	16	14	58	144
ROCHESTER	30	13	17	48	125

CENTRAL

MINNESOTA	30	17	13	61	156
TULSA	30	16	14	49	141
DALLAS	30	14	16	51	131
COLORADO	30	8	22	34	81

WEST

VANCOUVER	30	24	6	68	29
PORTLAND	30	20	10	50	36
SEATTLE	30	15	15	49	45
LOS ANGELES	30	9	21	36	69

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

NEW ENGLAND	30	19	11	62	39
TAMPA BAY	30	18	12	63	48
FT. LAUDERDALE	30	16	14	50	59
PHILADELPHIA	30	12	18	40	111

CENTRAL

DETROIT	30	20	10	68	36
CHICAGO	30	12	18	57	64
MEMPHIS	30	10	20	43	58
HOUSTON	30	10	20	37	61

WEST

SAN DIEGO	30	18	12	63	54
CALIFORNIA	30	13	17	43	49
OAKLAND	30	12	18	34	59
SAN JOSE	30	8	22	36	81

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think the top

English players

will come so

they don't bother asking.

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the time. I don't know what will happen

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- 1976 FA CUP FINAL
Super Saints!
- 1976 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Man. City v. Newcastle
- 1976 KINGS OF SCOTLAND
Rangers v. Hearts
- 1975 F.A. CUP FINAL
Hail To The Hammers!
- 1975 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Viva The Villa!
- 1974 F.A. CUP FINAL
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- 1974 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
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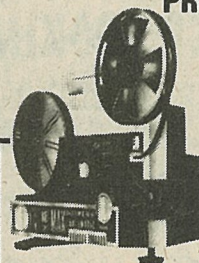
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

compiled by JOHN PYKE

CELTIC ROLL OF HONOUR

Scottish First Division Champions: 1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98, 1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74.

Scottish Premier Division: 1976-77.

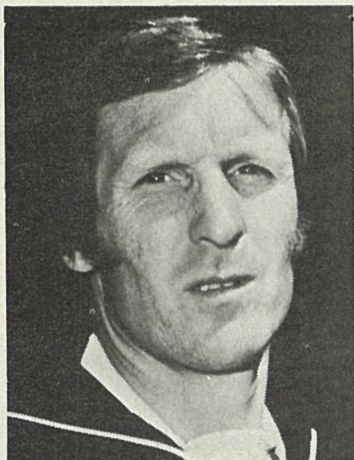
Scottish Cup Winners: 1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977.

Scottish League Cup Winners: 1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75.

European Cup Winners: 1967.

CELTIC

Only five managers in 90 years



Manager Billy McNeill.

It is said that if you listen carefully as you walk around Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, you will hear the Scottish accent coming from some of the local bars.

It is also said they are Celtic supporters who stayed on after the greatest day in the club's history when Celtic became the first British club to win the European Cup on May 25th, 1967.

But we like best the story of the aftermath of the other European Cup Final that Celtic played in, when Feyenoord of Holland beat them 2-1 in Milan in 1970.

If their team wins, Scots celebrate as only the race can. If their team loses then they drown their sorrows — so the result is the same.

After the Milan game, the Italian police were only too happy to let the Celtic supporters go quickly through Milan airport on the way back to Glasgow. Including a well-oiled Scot who stumbled off the plane in Glasgow only to discover he had left behind the car he had driven to Italy!

Europe was a long way off when one of Scotland's most famous clubs was formed in 1888.

Since that year it is an impressive fact that when Billy McNeill took over as Celtic manager in the summer of 1978, he was only the fifth manager in the long history of the club.

The first was Willie Maley, who as a matter of interest, had played in the first-ever Celtic match.

Maley was with the club for 50 years until he was followed by Jimmy McStay. He also was a former Celtic player and it was not until 1945 that Celtic had to appoint their third boss.

Jimmy McGrory was the finest goalscorer ever seen in Scotland and needless to say also played for Celtic.

McGrory was manager at Parkhead until March, 1965, when former skipper Jock Stein took over and the golden years of the club began with hardly a season passing without an honour coming to the club.

Under Stein, Celtic equalled the world record by winning the Scottish League title nine times in succession. Also under Stein, Celtic won their historic European Cup, the Scottish Cup eight times and the Scottish League Cup six times. They also were the winners of the new Premier Division in its second season.

Now Jock Stein has been invited to be a director of the club that has fame and glory across the globe.

But although Celtic are famous as being the first British club to win the European Cup, skippered by Billy McNeill their present manager, they have always been a club with the pioneer touch.

As far back as 1893 they played Clyde under electric lights. The club were also one of the first to attempt to beat frost — which



Jimmy McGrory.

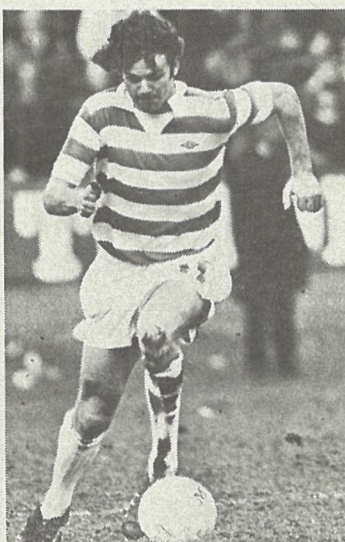


Celtic players with the 1967 European Cup trophy.

even now is one of the biggest causes of match cancellation.

Some of the greatest names in soccer have been wearers of the unique green and white hoops. (The club are also the only one in England and Scotland to play with numbers on their shorts and not on their shirts).

Who can forget the likes of Patsy Gallagher, John Thomson, Jimmy Quinn, Jim McMenemy, Bobby Evans, Bobby Collins, and Pat Crendall and also the others who became managers of the club.



Alfie Conn.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue
1978		
Aug		
12	Morton.....	A
19	Hearts.....	H
26	Motherwell.....	A
Sept		
9	Rangers.....	H
16	Hibs.....	H
23	Partick T.....	A
30	St Mirren.....	H
Oct		
7	Aberdeen.....	A
14	Dundee Utd.....	A
21	Morton.....	H
28	Hearts.....	A
Nov		
4	Motherwell.....	H
11	Rangers.....	A
18	Hibs.....	A
25	Partick T.....	H
Dec		
2	St Mirren.....	A
9	Aberdeen.....	H
16	Dundee Utd.....	H
23	Morton.....	A
30	Hearts.....	H
Jan		
3	Motherwell.....	A
6	Rangers.....	H
13	Hibs.....	H
20	Partick T.....	A
Feb		
3	St Mirren.....	H
10	Aberdeen.....	A
24	Dundee Utd.....	A
Mar		
3	Morton.....	H
10	Hearts.....	A
17	Motherwell.....	H
24	Rangers.....	A
31	Hibs.....	A
Apr		
7	Partick T.....	H
14	St Mirren.....	A
21	Aberdeen.....	H
28	Dundee Utd.....	H

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CEL



BACK ROW (left to right): Frank Conner (res. team coach), Brian Wilson, Alan Sneddon, Joe Filippi, Johannes Edvaldsson, Jim Casey, Roddie MacDonald, Roy Aitken, Robert Ward.

MIDDLE ROW: Billy McNeill (manager), Ian McPhee, John Weir, Patrick Bonner, Peter Latchford, Stanton, Alfie Conn, Jim O'Donnell (physio), John Clark (asst. manager).

ATIC



nager), Neil Mochan (first team
Brian Coyne, Bernard Godzik,
Roy Baines, Andy Lynch, Pat
el, Jim Lumsden, Bob Mooney
ager)

FRONT ROW: Mike Conroy, Tom McAdam, Peter Mackie,
Tommy Burns, George McCluskey, Jos Craig, Denny McGrain,
Paul Wilson, John Doyle, Ronnie Glavin.

SHOOT!

CLUB SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED PEN PICTURES

(L.App: League appearances; G: Goals; S: Substitutes. Records are for Celtic in 1977-78 season only)

ROY AITKEN: Young midfielder who is one of Celtic's bright hopes. A Scottish Under-21 international and should soon be a regular in the full Scottish side. A product of Celtic's youth side who began as a centre-back but now plays in mid-field. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 11.11. Born Ardrossan. L.App: 33. G: 2.

TOMMY BURNS: Midfielder who is a Scottish Under-21 player. A left-sided player who graduated through the Celtic Youth team to make his League debut in the 1975-76 season. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.7. Born Glasgow. L.App: 22 and 1 sub. G: 3.

ALFIE CONN: Outstanding mid-field star who played for rivals Rangers before moving to England to play for Spurs. Returned to Scotland early in 1977 to sign for Celtic. Very unlucky with injuries last season. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.5. Born Kirkaldy. L.App: 9 and 1 sub.

JOE CRAIG: Striker who joined Celtic from Partick Thistle in the 1976-77 season and scored two goals on his European debut for his new club. A Scottish international. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.4. Born Alloa. L.App: 19 and 1 sub. G: 7.

JOHN DOYLE: Striker who cost £90,000 when signed from Ayr United in 1976. Capped by Scotland against Rumania while with



Johannes Edvaldsson.



Andy Lynch.

Ayr United in the 1975-76 season. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.7. Born Glasgow. L.App: 20 and 5 sub. G: 2.

JOHANNES EDVALDSSON: Mid-fielder and is skipper of Iceland's international side. Nicknamed "Big Shuggie" by Celtic fans. Strong running player who has scored vital goals for his club. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 14.5. Born Iceland. L.App: 33 and 3 sub. G: 10.

JOE FILIPPI: Defender signed from Ayr United in the 1977-78 season for a big fee. A strong player and can also play in several positions. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.6. Born Ayr. L.App: 11 and 1 sub.

RONNIE GLAVIN: Top League scorer for Celtic when they won the Premier Division title in the 1976-77 season. Cost £80,000 when signed from Partick Thistle in 1974. Capped by Scotland. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 10.12. Born Glasgow. L.App: 28. G: 9.

PETER LATCHFORD: Goalkeeper who won England Under-23 caps while with West Bromwich Albion. Joined Celtic in the 1974-75 season and has been a great favourite at Parkhead since. Brother of Everton's Bob Latchford and Motherwell's new signing David. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 13. Born Birmingham. L.App: 36.

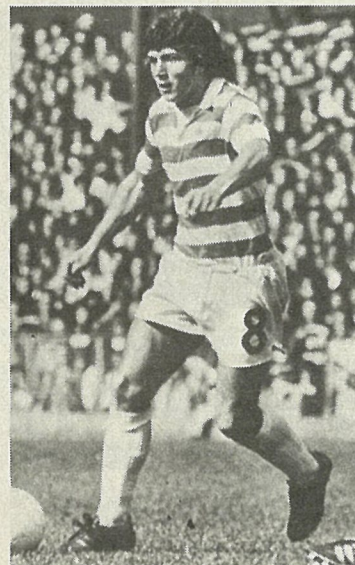
JIM LUMSDEN: Signed on a free transfer from Clydebank in the

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1973-74	Dixie Deans.....	24
1974-75	Kenny Dalglish	16
1975-76	Kenny Dalglish	24
1976-77	Ronnie Glavin	19
1977-78	Johannes Edvaldsson	10

summer of 1978 as a coach, but Jim looks like playing in the senior side for Celtic this season after some impressive displays in pre-season games. Began first with Leeds then played for Morton, St. Mirren, Cork Hibs, Morton again and then Clydebank. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.7. Born Greenock.

ANDY LYNCH: Defender who has been club captain when Danny McGrain was out injured. Joined Celtic from Hearts in 1973. Began his career as a left-winger before turning defender. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.12. Born Glasgow. L.App: 26 and 1 sub. G: 3.



Ronnie Glavin.

TOM McADAM: Striker who is very good in the air and on the ground. Signed from Dundee United in the 1977-78 season after playing for Dumbarton. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.0. Born Glasgow. L.App: 32 and 1 sub. G: 8.

GEORGE McCLUSKEY: Young Celtic player who has played well in the first team since being given his chance. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.9. Born Glasgow. L.App: 12 and 3 sub. G: 6.

RODDIE MacDONALD: Central



Alan Sneddon.

defender signed from Highland League club Brora Rangers. Has also appeared as a striker, but his fine heading makes him an ideal defender. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.6. Born Brora. L.App: 36. G: 7.

DANNY McGRAIN: World-class defender who missed most of last season owing to injury. A fixture in the Scotland side, Danny should be fit for the international side this season. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. Born Glasgow. L.App: 7.

PAT STANTON: Defender who after years of fine service with Hibs moved to Celtic in 1976 in a swap transfer deal. Announced he had retired owing to injury this month, but this outstanding player deserves a mention in the Celtic pen-pictures. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.0. Born Edinburgh. L.App: 1.

ALAN SNEDDON: Young defender who made a big name for himself in the Celtic team in the 1977-78 season. L.App: 15.

PAUL WILSON: Striker who joined Celtic in 1966 after being a junior with Maryhill. Capped by Scotland v Spain in the 1974-75 season when he came on as a substitute. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0. Born Glasgow. L.App: 14 and 6 sub. G: 1.



Tommy Burns.

NEW FACES COULD BOOST CELTS

THE 1977-78 season will be one Celtic and their loyal supporters will want to erase from the record books. From being League Champions the previous term, the wearers of the famous green and white hoops slid with such alarming speed down the Premier Division that even relegation was mentioned. A word puzzled Celtic fans had to look up in a dictionary!

Celtic recovered to finish half-way up the Premier table. But that position, added to a Fourth Round Scottish Cup defeat by

First Division Kilmarnock and a 2-1 defeat in the League Cup Final by Rangers, ended all hopes of Celtic competing in their 13th successive season in European competition.

Excuses for a poor season are easy to find, but Celtic had more than their fair share of injuries last season. None more damaging than the loss of their world-class defender Danny McGrain for most of the term. McGrain's injury was also a serious blow to Scotland when they went to Argentina without him for the

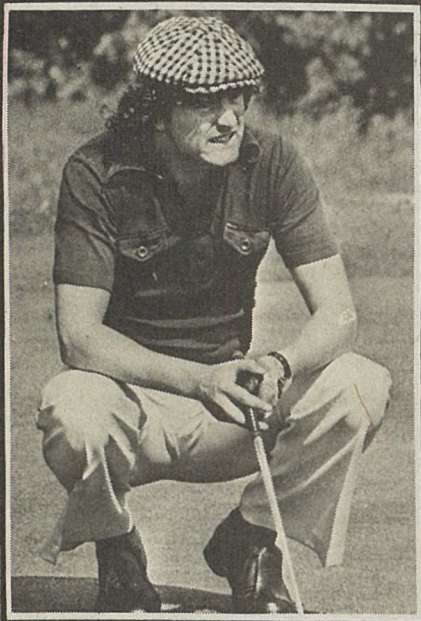
World Cup Finals.

Also out for long spells was Alfie Conn whose flair was missed, and the constructive skill of Pat Stanton who sadly retired through injury this month.

Now Celtic are under a new manager in Billy McNeill, the man who skippered them to their greatest triumph by winning the European Cup in 1967. McNeill, who has taken over from Jock Stein, now a Celtic director, has tried hard to buy new players during the summer and at least one new face can be expected soon in the Parkhead line-up.

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MAIN PICTURE . . . Putting on the style: Leicester City's Billy Hughes.
ABOVE, TOP . . . Joe Laidlaw of Doncaster takes a breather and chats to some fans.
ABOVE . . . Sheffield Wednesday's Jimmy Mullen looks tense as he sizes up the situation before him.
RIGHT, ABOVE . . . Former Spurs' star Cyril Knowles, now coach at Doncaster, dreams about the elusive hole-in-one.
RIGHT . . . Having a swinging time — Paul Bradshaw of Sheffield Wednesday (left) and Barnsley's Mick Prendergast.

There is nothing like a local derby to increase interest among supporters. Rivalry between the fans builds up weeks before the match takes place as to who will win and by what score. This week SHOOT looks at ten such local derbies that will take place in the First and Second Divisions and bears in mind their records over the past five seasons.

THE Merseyside clashes between Liverpool and Everton are tense affairs and the games at Goodison Park on October 28th and at Anfield on March 10th this season promise no more goals than the previous ten meetings over the past five seasons.

Six of the ten have ended in goalless draws, with the exception coming on October 16th, 1976, when Liverpool provided almost what amounted to a goal storm compared with the other nine results, by beating Everton 3-1 at Anfield.

Steve Heighway, Phil Neal (pen) and John Toshack scored in the first-half and Martin Dobson pulled one back for Everton after the interval.

The other three games settled have all gone to Liverpool by a single goal. So Everton supporters will be hoping for a change of fortune this season.

From two teams that have met in each of the last five seasons, let us look at two that renew acquaintances after a gap of 12

West Ham went on to clinch the Second Division Championship and enjoyed 20 seasons in the First Division before losing their place this Spring.

The meetings of the country cousins Ipswich Town and Norwich City have produced nine goals in their last two games at Portman Road.

But Norwich will hardly relish the prospect of their visit to the F.A. Cup-holders on Boxing Day this year. It is an appropriate day if the past two results are anything to go by. Ipswich have handed 4-0 and 5-0 hidings to The Canaries.

Last season Ipswich beat City 4-0 on Easter Monday with two



DERBIES ARE



Liverpool's Phil Neal is brought down by Everton's David Jones during the 1976-77 clash at Goodison Park. John Richards (right, second right) is robbed by Alistair Robertson of West Brom.

seasons: Orient and West Ham United.

The last time they met was in the 1962-63 term when Orient had one brief encounter with the First Division giants before being relegated. Both Orient and West Ham won 2-0 in their home matches.

But West Ham supporters will be hoping for a repeat of the last time the two East London clubs clashed in the Second Division.

It was towards the end of the 1957-58 season West Ham went to play Leyton Orient, as they were called then, seeking two points to boost their drive to Division One. West Ham got them on a sunny afternoon in midweek with a convincing 4-1 victory and so completed the double over Orient as they had also won 3-2 at Upton Park.

goals from Brian Talbot and one each from David Geddis and Mick Mills.

The 1976-77 season had Town going one better with a 5-0 victory. Trevor Whymark scored a hat-trick and Paul Mariner and a John Wark penalty completed the rout.

Although Norwich did have the consolation of a home victory last season when, also on Boxing Day, John Ryan scored the only goal of the game.

In all the encounters between Manchester City and Manchester United over the years, the one of recent memory that will never be forgotten took place on April 27th, 1974.

United were battling fiercely to avoid relegation and badly needed four points from their last two games to stand even a chance of

staying up when City travelled to Old Trafford.

City won 1-0 with a goal scored in the second-half by Denis Law, the man who had starred so brilliantly for United in previous years. It proved all too much for United supporters who swarmed on to the pitch with two minutes to go.

The referee was forced to abandon the game, but the result was allowed to stand. As it happened, United finished five points behind Birmingham City, who finished in 19th position and were saved, and four behind Southampton who were relegated with United and Norwich City.

But Second Division soccer lasted only one season for United, and since their return they have lost only one game of their six encounters with City. They had the satisfaction of winning 3-1 at Maine Road in the 1976-77 season when Steve Coppell, David McCreery and Gerry Daly scored for United.

City, however, gained three out of the four points at stake last term. The Maine Road team won 3-1 on September 10th, 1977, with a double from Brian Kidd and one from Mike Channon, Jimmy Nicholl replying for United.

In the return at Old Trafford on March 4th, City had a 1-0 lead when Peter Barnes scored. In the second-half it took two penalty goals from United's Gordon Hill to draw the game 2-2 with Brian Kidd adding the second for City.

Charlton v Millwall derby games bring back memories of former Bank Holidays years ago. Then First Division Charlton used to play at home in the morning and Second Division Millwall at home at The Den in the afternoon.

It was a pity they never met on this holiday occasion.

The fans used to leave The Val-



ley and pile into the old trams outside the Charlton ground and travel to Millwall as one happy gathering, sharing their brown ale and cheese sandwiches. If only those trouble-free days could return in the 1978-79 season!

A Charlton v Millwall clash is an argument that concerns only South-East London almost as much as the story of a London cricket fan who travelled to Sheffield to watch Yorkshire play Lancashire.

First he clapped a Yorkshireman as he hit a four and then cheered as Lancashire took a wicket.

It was all too much for a dour Yorkshire gent who tapped him on the shoulder and said: "Keep quiet, lad. This match has now to do with thee."

This season Charlton have a chance with Derek Hales back in harness with Mike Flanagan to



Manchester City's Denis Law (left, number 10) scores the goal that sent Manchester United down from the First Division. Spurs' Willie Young (above, left, now Arsenal) robs George Armstrong, then of Arsenal, during a North London clash in 1976-77 at Highbury.

return at Molineux.

Chelsea, like all London clubs, could claim several local derbies, but with Fulham in the Second Division Chelsea's nearest rivals are Queens Park Rangers. Out of the six meetings in the past five seasons, Chelsea have won only one to Rangers' two victories with three games drawn.

The most exciting being a 3-3 draw at Stamford Bridge on February 23rd, 1974, when two goals by Bill Garner and one by Charlie Cooke were the Chelsea scorers and Rangers replied through two from Stan Bowles and one from Don Givens.

Aston Villa v Birmingham City is a real Brummie clash and City, under new manager, Jim Smith will be out to clinch their fourth successive home victory over the claret and blues.

Birmingham improved last season to finish midway in the First Division and also had the satisfaction of a double against Villa. Keith

Bertschin netted the only goal at Villa Park and Trevor Francis did the honours at St. Andrews.

We finish our look at some of the derby games that will thrill supporters again this season with a look at Arsenal v Tottenham.

What Spurs' Argentinian imports Ardiles and Villa will make of it will be interesting to say the least.

Last season was the first time since the 1950-51 term the two teams have not met in First Division combat.

Spurs relegation to the Second Division ended that long session. Arsenal/Tottenham results over the years have a touch of give and take and sum up what a 'Derby Game' is all about as Ardiles and Villa will discover for themselves at White Hart Lane on December 23rd.

Whatever the outcome it won't be as tense as the clash at Tottenham on May 3rd, 1971, when Arsenal won 1-0 to complete the first-leg of the double.

WINNERS...

reverse last season's results when Millwall won 2-0 at The Valley and drew 1-1 at The Den.

One small consolation for Newcastle United supporters is their slide out of the First Division (at the same time almost solving the unemployment problem on Tyneside as they used 35 players in their 42-match programme) is the prospect of a local derby with Sunderland.

They have met in only one season in the last five and that was in the 1976-77 term when Newcastle United won at St. James' Park 2-0 on December 27th, 1976 with goals from Paul Cannell and Alan Kennedy.

Sunderland shared the points at Roker Park on April 8th, 1977, when they drew 2-2 in the second match of a late run that almost saved their First Division place.

But Sunderland fans still chuckle over the meeting between the two clubs on December 5th, 1908, when Sunderland travelled the short distance to St. James' Park and won 9-1!

Another two teams who have met in only one season out of the last five are the Black Country teams Wolves and West Bromwich. That was last season when honours were shared in both encounters. Albion drawing 2-2 at The Hawthorns and 1-1 in the

Bill Garner (out of picture) scores Chelsea's second goal in their 3-3 draw with Q.P.R. at Stamford Bridge in 1973-74.



	Season				
	1977/78	1976/77	1975/76	1974/75	1973/74
ASTON VILLA v BIRMINGHAM C	0-1 1-0	1-2 2-1	2-1 3-2	— —	— —
EVERTON v LIVERPOOL	0-1 0-0	0-0 3-1	0-0 1-0	0-0 0-0	0-1 0-0
IPSWICH T v NORWICH C	4-0 1-0	5-0 0-1	2-0 1-0	— —	1-1 1-2
MAN CITY v MAN UTD	3-1 2-2	1-3 3-1	2-2 2-0	— —	0-0 0-1
CHELSEA v Q.P.R.	3-1 1-1	— —	— —	0-3 1-0	3-3 1-1
W.B.A. v WOLVES	2-2 1-1	— —	— —	— —	— —
ARSENAL v TOTTENHAM	— —	1-0 2-2	0-2 0-0	1-0 2-0	0-1 2-0
CHARLTON v MILLWALL	0-2 1-1	3-2 1-1	— —	— —	— —
NEWCASTLE v SUNDERLAND	— —	2-0 2-2	— —	— —	— —
ORIENT v WEST HAM	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —

(Home scores first in each case)



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Spurs cash sparks transfers

● When Spurs signed Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles they sparked off some important international moves as well as causing a stir in the U.K.

Ardiles' club, Huracán, have announced they've used the £325,000 transfer fee to repatriate their former aces Carlos Babington and Miguel Angel Brindisi who moved to Europe after starring in the 1974 World Cup.

Babington has been playing for West German Second Division team Wattenscheid 09, while Brindisi (who scored 159 goals for Huracán) is currently with Las Palmas in Spain.

Both will return to Argentina at the end of the European season.

● When you star in a World Cup, you've literally got the world at your feet. That's what Argentina and Valencia superstar Mario Kempes is finding out rapidly as more and more lucrative publicity contracts keep pouring in.

His latest "signing" is to make a number of personal appearances to publicise a Spanish bank, and he's been guaranteed a minimum of £28,000 a year for his services.

Laughing all the way to the bank.

IN MEXICO, a thousand fans walked out of the stadium at half-time in protest against the abysmal standard of play in the match between Universidad de Guadalajara and Jalisco.

What's more, following this match the Universidad players have signed an extraordinary agreement with the club. They'll receive their usual bonus for every match they win, but when they lose they'll have to pay a bonus to the club!

President flees

ATLETICO MADRID'S Brazilian pair, Pereira and Leivinha, have been swindled out of around £30,000 of their savings which they had left in the care of S.E. Palmeiras president Jordao Eruno Zacomani before moving to Spain.

The president has skipped the country with about £300,000 of other people's money!

Rumour has it the biggest loser is Brazil's World Cup goalkeeper Leao, who's said to have "invested" £90,000.

JOHAN CRUYFF plays the first of two guest appearances for the Cosmos on 30th August when the American club lines-up against a Rest of the World XI, managed by Argentina's Cesar Luis Menotti.

Cruyff will wear the number 30 shirt and he's seen here with Pele and Cosmos captain Werner Roth.



VOGTS IN JURY BLOW FOR CLUB AND COUNTRY

THERE was bad news for Borussia Mönchengladbach and West Germany before the start of the Bundesliga when captain Berti Vogts broke his right leg in three places during a Cup-tie against Wuppertaler SV.

The 31-year-old Vogts had announced this would be his last season, but there now seems little chance of him ever playing again (see picture below).

It is a tragedy one of the outstanding stars of the last decade should have his career ended in such a way.

Vogts, who was approaching his 100th cap, has helped Borussia become one of Europe's top clubs. He has also played in nearly all of Germany's triumphs since 1966.

The loss of Vogts is a big blow to both club and country. Borussia have already sold Rainer Bonhof to Valencia and their line-up now is barely recognisable

ERNST HAPPEL, manager of FC Bruges who was also in charge of Holland in the World Cup, wants to buy Poland striker Andrzej Szarmach. but he won't be allowed to leave his country until he's 30, in a couple of years.

from the one we have known so well.

They lost the second-leg of the Intercontinental Cup when Boca Juniors won 3-0 in Germany and BMG now seem destined for a few years of rebuilding.

West Germany must also look for a new captain... they also have a new manager, Jupp Derwall, who took over from the great Helmut Schoen.

The problem is, Germany don't have a ready-made replacement, as they did in Vogts when Franz Beckenbauer went to the States.

The likely choice is Heinz Flohe, captain of Double winners 1.FC Cologne although he has said he may not play for Germany again. Flohe is 30, has plenty of experience, yet doesn't seem to have the qualities of an international skipper.

As we saw in the World Cup, the era of West German domination of soccer is well and truly over.



IN SPAIN, no fewer than nine of the 18 First Division clubs have had a change of manager during the close season.

Still in Spain, Real Zaragoza's Paraguayan midfielder Nino Arrúa ran into a spot of bother during a holiday in his home town. He was involved in a massive punch-up in a discotheque in the town of Ita and had to be bailed out by friends.

● After Mexico's surprisingly poor World Cup performance in Argentina, their manager José Antonio Roca has borne the brunt of some pretty scathing attacks from all sides, and the Mexican Press even started a campaign to ban him from ever managing a First Division club again! Fortunately for Roca, FC Tampico didn't pay any attention to the Press and have just signed him as their new manager.

BIRMINGHAM CITY!

BIRMINGHAM CITY made a good impression in Spain when they won the summer tournament in La Linea with a 1-0 victory over Real Zaragoza and a 2-1 win against U.E.F.A. Cup contenders Sporting Gijón in the Final. The only black mark was the sending-off of Keith Bertschin in the opening game.

Our Spanish correspondent adds that, even though he knew City had made several close-season signings, he was a little puzzled by this line-up given in the Spanish Press.

What do you make of this? Feman, Laldewood, Rathbowc, Proadhurts, Toes, Emmanuelle(l), Fillon, Ainscow, Bertship, Giveros and Bur-roFox.

What went wrong with Ainscow?

EARLY START IN FRANCE

THE FRENCH LEAGUE made a mid-July start to allow more preparation time for mid-season international matches, and it's already clear it's going to be a closely-fought contest with as many as ten teams in with a real chance.

Last season's Champions, Monaco, who won the title in their first season in Division One, are finding the going much tougher second time round, and on paper Nantes seem to have the best equipped team for a sustained title challenge.

1976 European Cup Finalists, St.-Etienne (below), had a disappointing 1977-78 campaign after several years as the "giants" of French football, and now manager Herbin faces the difficult task of pruning and reshaping the team with younger players, so it could be too early for them to take a League title.

Oddly, last season's U.E.F.A. Cup Finalists, SC Bastia, aren't rated as serious title challengers, largely because the Corsicans seem to turn in below-par performances when they travel to the mainland.

France's other headline-hitting team is Paris St.-Germain, but unfortunately the headlines haven't referred to their standard of football! New manager Larque is trying to change the tarnished image of the capital's top team, and it'll be interesting to see if the dynamism of former St.-Etienne midfielder Bathenay and the lethal finishing of Carlos Bianchi can produce results for them this term.

As usual, Marseille, Lyon, Nice and Nancy will be the teams to beat, though all four will have to concentrate harder on picking up away points if they're to take the title. Among the outsiders, Eastern teams Metz and Strasbourg made a strong start to the campaign (Metz led after four games with maximum points), and could be in the running for a U.E.F.A. Cup place.

But one thing is certain. France's good World Cup performances have been a shot in the arm for the domestic game, and this season promises to be an exciting one.

PENAROL are yet again the Champions in Uruguay. They clinched the title with a 2-0 win over Rentistas.



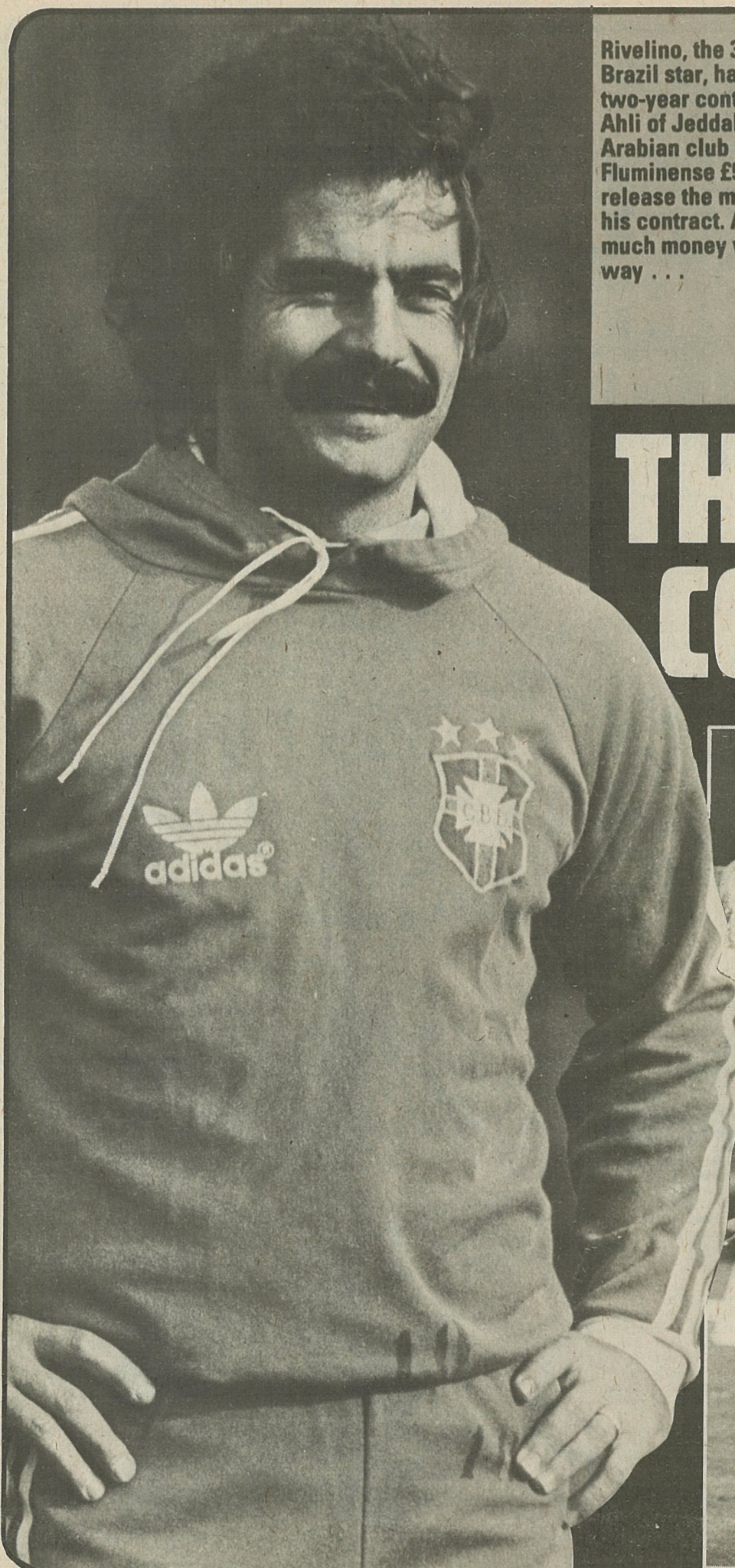
Rivelino, the 32-year-old Brazil star, has signed a two-year contract with Al Ahli of Jeddah. The Saudi Arabian club paid Fluminense £500,000 to release the midfielder from his contract. And almost as much money will flow his way . . .

DURING the next year, Rivelino will earn just under £400,000 for playing in oil-rich Saudi Arabia. Tax-free, that is. On top of that, he will live in a palace and have two Rolls-Royces at his disposal. If he feels homesick, or any of his family do, they will fly first-class to Rio — by Concorde, of course.

The standard of football in the Middle East may be low, but the money the soccer sheikhs can offer is certainly world-class. Prince Khaled, who owns the Al Ahli club, made Rivelino an offer he, and surely no other player, could refuse. At 32, Rivelino had just retired from the international scene and can now end his career with the knowledge he will never have to work again.

Fluminense are, naturally,

THE OFFER COULDN'T



delighted. To receive half a million pounds for a 32-year-old is good business, especially when you're heavily in debt, as the Rio club were.

Rivelino diplomatically gave the reasons for his move. "I always put my family first. Although they agree with my decisions, I have to think very carefully because I want my children to have the best education."

"I believe the contract is good for me and this, I'm sure, will therefore benefit my family immensely."

So, Rivelino, who first came to our notice during the 1970 World Cup, goes into a gradual retirement after a career spanning over 100 appearances in the famous yellow shirt of Brazil.

The last was against Italy in Argentina, when a Rivelino-inspired Brazil won 2-1 to clinch third place.

Immediately after that game, he announced his international retirement; it had been a controversial third World Cup for Rivelino.

He looks back on Argentina with mixed feelings.

"I was prepared to my limit and wanted to prove myself the best player in the world. Things were against me all along, though. I sustained a foot injury in training before the Finals when I accidentally kicked the ground. However, I overcame this and played on."

"In our first tie, against Sweden, I injured a heel. In an effort to get me fit for our second match, against Spain, the doctors gave

me pain-killing injections, the first time I have ever had these in my 14 years as a professional. Sadly, I developed influenza and couldn't play anyway. Everything, it seemed, was against me. My injury didn't respond and I wasn't fit to face Austria in our third game."

There was much speculation during the Finals whether Rivelino was actually injured. Some claimed his injury was "diplomatic" or "political", as he and coach Coutinho did not see eye to eye. Rivelino assured us he WAS definitely hurt.

He didn't play in the match against Argentina, yet came on for 15 minutes against Poland. Then ... his farewell.

"I knew before the Italy tie it

would be my last outing in a Brazil shirt. I wanted so much to do well ... and when Coutinho sent me on for the final 25 minutes I wanted to show everyone the real Rivelino. I wasn't tied down by tactics or a system. I wanted to explode and pack the entire World Cup into those 25 minutes."

"I was so happy to come on and do something positive straight away — making our winner, scored by Dirceu."

Rivelino certainly made his presence felt in that game, in more ways than one. Not only did he immediately take control of the match with his unrivalled soccer brain and vision, but he also left a few Italians hobbling as the nastier side of Rivelino showed its ugly head.

Even so, Rivelino did enough in those 25 minutes to show us that he is still a world-class player, if a little more aggressive than in the past. According to the CBD, that was Rivelino's 118th game for Brazil, but that is a total which is not accepted in Europe as it includes games played for state selection sides wearing the Brazil shirt.

"Actually, the CBD have even forgotten about three games by my reckoning," says Rivelino. "But for the record, I have played in 82 victories, 27 draws and nine defeats — that's what the CBD say anyway. Oh, and I've scored 42 goals."

"My first international was back in November, 1967, playing for a Sao Paulo state selection against Hungary. We won 5-3 and I was awful. Then I played against Uruguay — we won 2-0 and I remember the papers describing me as 'promising'."

"The coach at that time, Aimore Moreira, then handed me one of the biggest challenges of my career when he took me on a tour of Europe. I came on against Poland as substitute. Everything seemed to go well for me and I scored twice."

"One match I shall always remember was against a F.I.F.A. selection in 1968; Bobby Moore and Franz Beckenbauer were playing for 'the world', I'm sure. I scored what would have been the best goal of my career, a thundering shot from outside their penalty-area which the goalkeeper didn't see. Sadly for me the referee disallowed the goal as a teammate was offside. I said to myself: 'Well, Rivelino, you'll just have to score another one,' which I did in the final minutes. I recall after the match that quite a few of the star-name F.I.F.A. players told me I had a big future, which was nice to hear as I was still only 22."

It was in Mexico, 1970, Rivelino really burst through when he was part of the glorious Brazil side that romped away with the World Cup in such style. He scored Brazil's first goal in the competition, typically from a free-kick, and went on to score two more goals. After Mexico, he was nicknamed the 'Atomic Leg' because of his shooting power and this aspect of Rivelino has become one of his trademarks.

Now, Rivelino has said goodbye to international football. The "promising" youngster from 1967 has indeed come a long way.

RIVELINO REFUSE

LEFT . . . Rivelino with his new bosses. He joins the club early in September.
BELOW . . . In action during the 1970 World Cup Final against Italy.

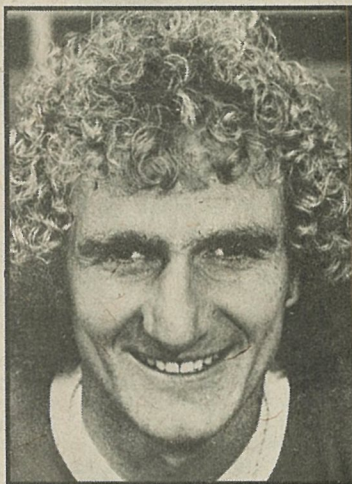


LEFT . . . Rivelino inspired Brazil to a 2-1 victory over Italy in 1978, this time to clinch third-place in the World Cup Finals.
RIGHT . . . Did Brazil coach Coutinho and Rivelino see eye-to-eye?



'THE KOP ROAR — ONE OF THE GREATEST SOUNDS'

PHIL THOMPSON (Liverpool)



I THINK The Kop (right) is the shining example of how fans can help their team win trophies. And although they've been great to us for years, the best example I can think of was the European Cup Final in Rome last year.

When we went out into the stadium just before the match to look round, we couldn't believe the noise our fans were making. For all those supporters to go all that way was a fantastic lift to us. I didn't even play through injury but I know all the lads went back into the dressing-room to change thinking 'We've got to win, we can't let those great fans down'. That was the sort of effect they had on us.

Our supporters like a player who is prepared to give everything no

matter what the circumstances. Their hero right now is undoubtedly Kenny Dalglish — he's an absolute king in their eyes simply because I think they can relate to him. He's a very talented striker and few can beat him for sheer guts, determination and will to keep going. That's what fans like wherever you're playing.

The fans I like playing in front of more than any other (after our lot) are the Manchester United followers. They're fantastic for noise and atmosphere.

But the noisiest and loudest fans I've encountered anywhere in the world were in France — at St. Etienne. That noise was impossible to describe — louder than Liverpool and Manchester United put together. We'd been told they were special but I never realised they'd be anywhere near as good



or fanatical as that.

But the atmosphere they built up tended to help us. Personally, if the fans get an atmosphere like that I find I play much better because I'm thoroughly geed up.

Four players, among them SHOOT's new columnist Gordon McQueen, give their views on ...

THE FANS' INFLUENCE IN FOOTBALL

'ENCOURAGING AT VITAL AWAY GAMES'

MICKY DROY (Chelsea)

I THINK the question of fans influencing the game is a purely individual thing. Quite honestly, supporters can shout out what they like at me because I'll never hear them — I just concentrate on the game and block everything else out of my hearing and mind.

But even I heard our fans in 1976-77 away from home and I reckon that was one of the reasons why we did so well in our promotion campaign. They used to lift us in those hard, vital away games just when we needed it. It was a good example of fans really helping their team.

Having a crowd there behind you is crucial at all times but especially when you're having a bad time. In the First Division, we get good gates anyway but it was when we had a bad run last term and met some fairly average sides that we needed the supporters to come along. They did so and we eventually escaped relegation. I don't know whether the two facts are related but they could be.

I think fans can help a team a lot more if they're really close to the pitch. We've always been conscious of this fact because at Chelsea there is such a distance



between the fans and the pitch itself. But if you look at a ground like Southampton or Q.P.R., you'll think there are 60,000 in there when there is perhaps only 20,000. That's because the noise tends to go all round the ground when everyone is tightly packed in and I think that is an advantage.

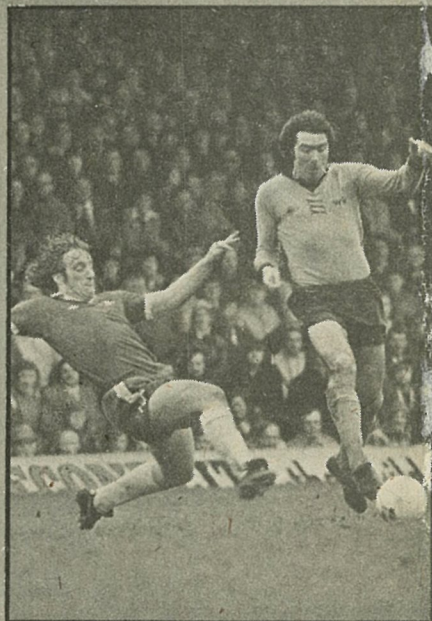
Chelsea fans cheered their side to promotion from the Second in 1976-77 when they drew 1-1 with Wolves (light shirt).

Strangely enough, although our fans are right behind us at Stamford Bridge, I reckon I'd prefer to play away from home every week. When we're away, I find I'm much more keyed up. You're conscious of the fact you must play really well to make sure the other side don't get a goal because that will disrupt all your plans of keeping the scoreline blank. I get much more keyed up and, anyway, I think we play better away from home.

Places I like and dislike playing at? I love it at Liverpool: I really think it's all it's cracked up to be. The atmosphere is such you'd have to be a non-sort of guy not to get charged up for that match. I always look forward to playing up there.

On the other hand, I hated playing at Newcastle. Whenever we go up there, it's always either blowing a gale or pouring with rain. And it's such a long way to come home if you've lost. Now Newcastle are relegated I won't have to make that trip!

Fans' criticisms? They don't worry me. I always think if they've



paid their money, they are paying my wages while coming through the turnstiles. I don't mind their comments. People say they go to football to let their hair down, have a good shout and let their feelings out. I say if that helps them, good luck. It certainly doesn't worry me or affect my game.



We played great that night out there and I'm sure that was because the fans geed us up to produce our peak form. It's impossible not to play well in that sort of situation.

I know there is the other side of the fans. People even got on Kevin Keegan's back in 1976-77 at Anfield and that was unfair to this great player. And you get players having to leave clubs because the fans are continually on to them. I think it affected Kevin in the end — it reaches anyone, I think. Kevin certainly knew he wasn't the hero he was the season before.

Generally, I've got to admit to not enjoying playing so much at grounds where the fans are a long way from the pitch. If the terraces come right down to the pitch, the atmosphere is usually much better. But the only example where that doesn't happen is Wembley Stadium — and that's a magical place to play.

You can't hear individual comments from fans, of course but that roar — it's one of the greatest sounds a pro. player can hear.

'PLAYERS CAN BE HOUNDED OUT OF A CLUB' **GORDON McQUEEN (Man. United)**

I'M pleased to say I won the Leeds United fans' choice as 'Player of the Year' for two of the last three years when I was at Elland Road. So maybe I know what the fans want from the players at their clubs.

I'm sure if you give 100 per cent at every game as I will endeavour to at Old Trafford: are reasonably consistent and don't shirk anything, the fans will really take to you. You can't give much more than that lot put together so the fans know and respect you if you do all those things.

I've always got on very well with supporters. But I think it was diabolical the way they forced two players from Elland Road — Terry Yorath (below) and John McGovern. Both could still have been doing good jobs for Leeds Utd. today but for the way the fans got on their backs and hounded them out.

They were booed all the time, whatever they did: they wouldn't get off their backs. It was terrible and although fans pay their money and are free to criticise, I think they should draw the line before it gets to that sort of situation.

I think the reason for it may have been because Terry and John had taken over from two old crowd favourites, Billy Bremner and Johnny Giles. The crowd had got used to



those two for so long they resented their being allowed to go — and the replacements were in for it. That's really unfair.

The fans can't complain those two weren't good enough — McGovern skippered Nottingham Forest to the League Championship last term and Terry Yorath did well for Coventry who finished in seventh position in the First in 1977-78. So no one could accuse them of being no good.

I came to England after a couple of seasons in Scottish First Division football and I've got to admit, the fans down here are better than North of the border. They're noisier, have got more life and there are, far more of them. Apart from when we played Celtic and Rangers, the crowds we played to up there were very small. But in England it's all different.

The ground I don't like playing on is West Ham. We haven't got a great record there and in a way I was glad to see them relegated — it's always hard and bumpy and difficult to play good football there.

Fans can make a big difference to players and teams. They make you run when you're tired, pass better when you can't seem to find a teammate and they can keep you on your toes — if they're lively and loud enough. When you've no energy left, the supporters can make you keep going and that's how it should be. Help like that is invaluable — it's the needless getting-on-people's-backs sort of thing I don't like. That's not necessary at all.



'CAN PLAY A BIG PART IN A TEAM'S SUCCESS'

KEITH BERTSCHIN (Birmingham)

I'VE found a big difference in the fans since I moved from Ipswich to Birmingham. At Portman Road, there wasn't a very big population in the town itself and fans came from all over the county. But at St. Andrews' the crowd's all around the ground: the city is full of them and they are fanatical, much more so than the Town supporters.

I must admit the City fans have been great to me. I struggled to get among the goals in the early matches after joining them but they were right behind me, encouraging me all the time. I'd meet them in the street and they'd say: 'Don't worry about it, it's coming: you're improving', things like that. It was really marvellous and very constructive help. I think fans anywhere will be behind you as long as they can see you trying. Then, they'll stick with you.

The stand on the far side at St. Andrews' is unbelievable — I've never played in front of anything like that before. They must be as good as Liverpool and Manchester United crowds. It's proved to me beyond any doubt fans really can help players improve their game. When you've got that sort of support behind you, you are certain to try a little harder, and improve your game.

It does make a difference to a player what the fans are saying. Everyone has heard of some players who have had to leave a particular club because of the fans being on their back. That's the unseemly side of supporters' influence but they can play a big part in a side's success, too. There is no better example of that than Liverpool and their outstanding home record. Some of that is undoubtedly down to the fans on The Kop.

I think fans can be fickle. If you're having a bad time, you notice them more. I'm lucky because I've never really come under that much stick from fans. But if your form is not good and the crowd start having a go at you, you're bound to become more tense and keyed up. That's not good for the player and therefore, it's no good for the supporter and he should remember that.

The only time I got annoyed with fans was early last season at St. Andrews'. We were playing Newcastle and it was a poor match. We went off at the interval after playing poorly and some guy shouted out to me what a load of rubbish we all were.

I guess he was within his rights. And in a way it might have worked — along with a tongue-bashing from the gaffer in the dressing-room. Anyway, after half-time, we came out and forgot all about the first-half debacle and won 3-0.

Fans can play a crucial role, though. If supporters at a club are impatient, always on at the team they can't expect the side to do well. If they

bide their time and always back their side, the chances are both the team and their followers will get their reward through honours.

Jim Smith, who joined us as manager, last season, has done a first-class job in a short time and has silenced many of the club's critics.

He took over at a difficult time, but the anti-Blues brigade was a very small minority, anyway.

The players at Birmingham are fully aware that the club is geared for success and we mean to give the supporters what they want. We have a new team this season, with three or four new faces, and feel confident.

Keith Bertschin has got on well with the St. Andrews' supporters.



Dates to look out for in 1978-79

F.A. CUP

Nov. 25 — First Round
Dec. 16 — Second Round
Jan. 6 — Third Round
Jan. 27 — Fourth Round
Feb. 17 — Fifth Round
Mar. 6 — Sixth Round
Mar. 31 — Semi-Finals
May 12 — FINAL

LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 30 — Second Round
Oct. 4 — Third Round
Nov. 8 — Fourth Round
Dec. 13 — Fifth Round
Jan. 17 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Jan. 24 — Semi-Finals second-leg
Mar. 10 — FINAL

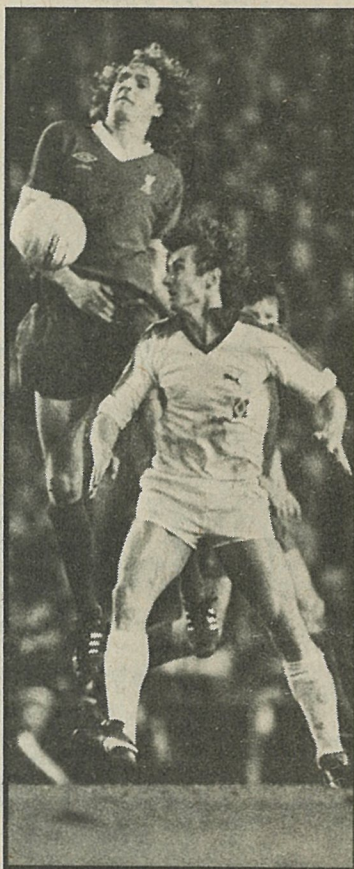
EUROPEAN CUP

Sept. 13 — First Round first-leg
Sept. 27 — First Round second-leg
Oct. 8 — Second Round first-leg
Nov. 1 — Second Round second-leg
Mar. 7 — Quarter-Finals first-leg
Mar. 21 — Quarter-Finals second-leg
Apr. 11 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Apr. 25 — Semi-Finals second-leg
May 30 — FINAL

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Sept. 13 — First Round first-leg
Sept. 27 — First Round second-leg

Liverpool (Phil Thompson beats Rainer Bonhof of Monchengladbach) kick-off their defence of the European Cup against Nottingham Forest on September 13th and 27th.



Oct. 18 — Second Round first-leg
Nov. 1 — Second Round second-leg
Mar. 7 — Quarter-Finals first-leg
Mar. 21 — Quarter-Finals second-leg
Apr. 11 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Apr. 25 — Semi-Finals second-leg
May 16 — FINAL

U.E.F.A. CUP

Sept. 13 — First Round first-leg
Sept. 27 — First Round second-leg
Oct. 18 — Second Round first-leg
Nov. 1 — Second Round second-leg
Nov. 22 — Third Round first-leg
Dec. 6 — Third Round second-leg
Mar. 7 — Quarter-Finals first-leg
Mar. 21 — Quarter-Finals second-leg
Apr. 11 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Apr. 25 — Semi-Finals second-leg
May 9 — FINAL — first-leg
May 23 — FINAL — second-leg

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sept. 20 — Denmark v. England
Eire v. Northern Ireland
Austria v. Scotland
Oct. 25 — Eire v. England
Northern Ireland v. Denmark
Scotland v. Norway
Wales v. Malta
Nov. 29 — Bulgaria v. Northern Ireland
Portugal v. Scotland
Wales v. Turkey
Feb. 7 — England v. Northern Ireland
Scotland v. Belgium
May 2 — Eire v. Denmark
Northern Ireland v. Bulgaria

Wales v. West Germany

May 22 — Bulgaria v. Eire
June 2 — Malta v. Wales
June 6 — Bulgaria v. England
Denmark v. Northern Ireland
June 7 — Norway v. Scotland

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

May 19 — Northern Ireland v. England
May 19 — Wales v. Scotland
May 22 — England v. Wales
May 23 — Scotland v. Northern Ireland
May 25 — Northern Ireland v. Wales
May 26 — England v. Scotland

F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY

May 16 — FINAL

F.A. CHALLENGE VASE

April 25 — FINAL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 30th — Second Round, first-leg
Sept. 2nd — Second Round, second-leg
Oct. 4th — Third Round, first-leg
Oct. 11th — Third Round, second-leg
Nov. 8th — Quarter-Finals, first-leg
Nov. 15th — Quarter-Finals, second-leg
Dec. 11th — Semi-Finals, first-leg
Dec. 13th — Semi-Finals, second-leg
Dec. 23rd — FINAL

SCOTTISH CUP DATES

Dec. 16th — First Round
Jan. 6th — Second Round
Jan. 27th — Third Round
Feb. 17th — Fourth Round
Mar. 10th — Fifth Round
Apr. 4th and 11th — Semi-Finals
May 12th — FINAL

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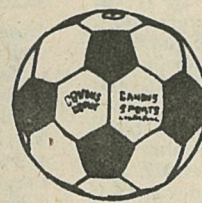
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Ipswich Town v Manchester United Saturday, August 26th



'We can't be sure of your tactics and formation'
— CLIVE WOODS
(Ipswich)

WOODS: This is one game that always gives me a lift to play in, Joe, because I know Manchester United believe in playing football. With United's attractive, attacking style, there is sure to be a bumper crowd for your visit.

JORDAN: Well, I have respect for Ipswich, Clive who I believe are a side unlucky not to have had more success over the last few seasons. But your F.A. Cup win last May must have given you a boost, and the match should be full of action.

WOODS: Agreed, though it's a game I think Ipswich can win. As we've had our usual number of early-season injuries, I'm not sure what our line-up will be, but I am looking forward to one or two individual confrontations. Paul Mariner and Gordon McQueen, for example — Paul is dangerous in everything he does, good on the ground and in the air, and I rate Gordon the best centre-half in the country.

JORDAN: Gordon has certainly settled in nicely, and he and I have developed a good understanding. But United as a whole have blended well, with Steve Coppell very effective in going forward. I think both defences will be kept

busy, but not giving much away, so a single goal could be the decider.

WOODS: When Gordon Hill was with United, we knew he and Steve Coppell would be United's wingers. But with Gordon gone, we won't be sure of your tactics and formation, though I expect Steve will still be used on one wing.

JORDAN: About tactics, I don't think I will be giving away any secrets when I say United will be looking for goals — we play like this both at home and away. Of course, I'm well aware Allan Hunter and Kevin Beattie — if they are fit — are great defenders who will be organised to make things difficult for us. However, this doesn't stop me from anticipating we can chalk up a narrow win.

WOODS: The right result is important to both sides so early in the season. Last term, we finished in our lowest League position for seven years, and I feel we must improve on this in 1978-79. Fortunately, in Mick Mills, we've the sort of player who can give us inspiration, usually setting us an example by the consistency of his own form.

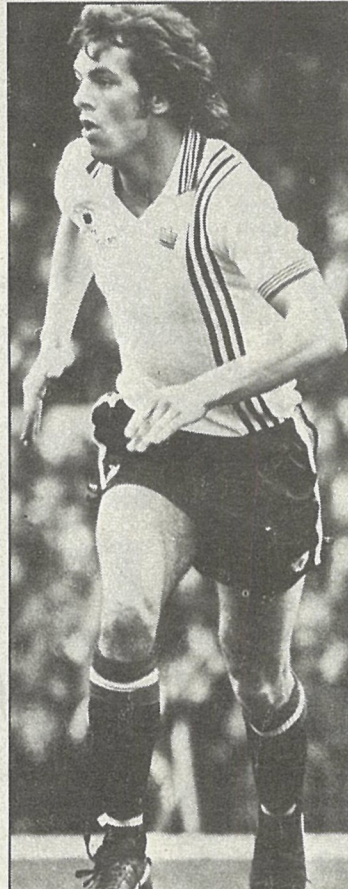
JORDAN: In a game of this sort, with both teams well-equipped at the back, in midfield and up-front, everything can hinge so much on

what particular players can pull out of the bag during the 90 minutes. United and Ipswich have men who are experienced in the big-match atmosphere, and who know all the moves — so there will be a lot of cut-and-thrust football.

WOODS: Yes, and at the end of it all, I won't be surprised if several goals haven't been scored. Last season United beat us 2-1 on our own ground, and with our similar ideas about going forward, the crowd can hope to see some of the raids being rounded off with goals. Naturally, we'll be all out to reverse the previous result against you at Portman Road.

JORDAN: Whatever happens, Clive, I can guarantee the spectators one thing — they will be provided with plenty of entertainment. Watching Ipswich at Wembley in the Cup Final, I was very impressed with their display, and told myself here was a side capable of adding other trophies to their sideboard. But having said that, I can promise we'll be trying to make your League progress as difficult as possible when we meet at Portman Road!

WOODS: Manchester United have glamour, and a win over them is a fine morale-booster for any side, Joe. So two points from you must be a priority with us.



'United will be looking for goals'
— JOE JORDAN
(Man. Utd.)



United's Martin Buchan slides in and robs David Geddis of Ipswich during last term's clash at Portman Road.

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FULL NAME: Neil McNab
BIRTHPLACE: Greenock, Scotland.
BIRTHDATE: 4th June, 1957.
HEIGHT: 5ft 7ins.
WEIGHT: 10st 5lb.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Morton.
MARRIED: No, but engaged to Julie.
CAR: Vauxhall Viva.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: My brother Paul of Port Rovers.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Glasgow Rangers.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing for Scotland Under-21 against Wales.
BIGGEST THRILL: Being picked for Scotland's World Cup 40.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not making the final 22.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Scotland.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing all sports, and nice people.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bigmouthed people.
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sports programmes and good films.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESSES: Barbra Streisand, Ingrid Bergman and Frank Sinatra.
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Barbra Streisand and Bee Gees.
BEST FRIEND: Tom Heffernan and Stuart Beavon, both team-mates.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad.
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Bad refs and pre-season training.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland at full level.
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Involved in sport.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? My son or daughter when born.

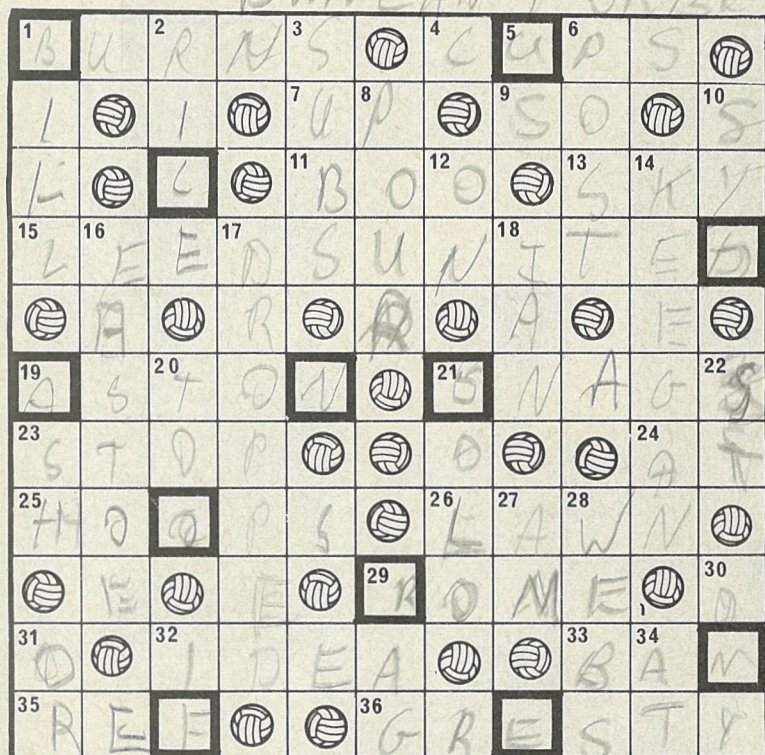
Neil McNab



SHOOT!

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Norwich City defender. Answers on page 54.



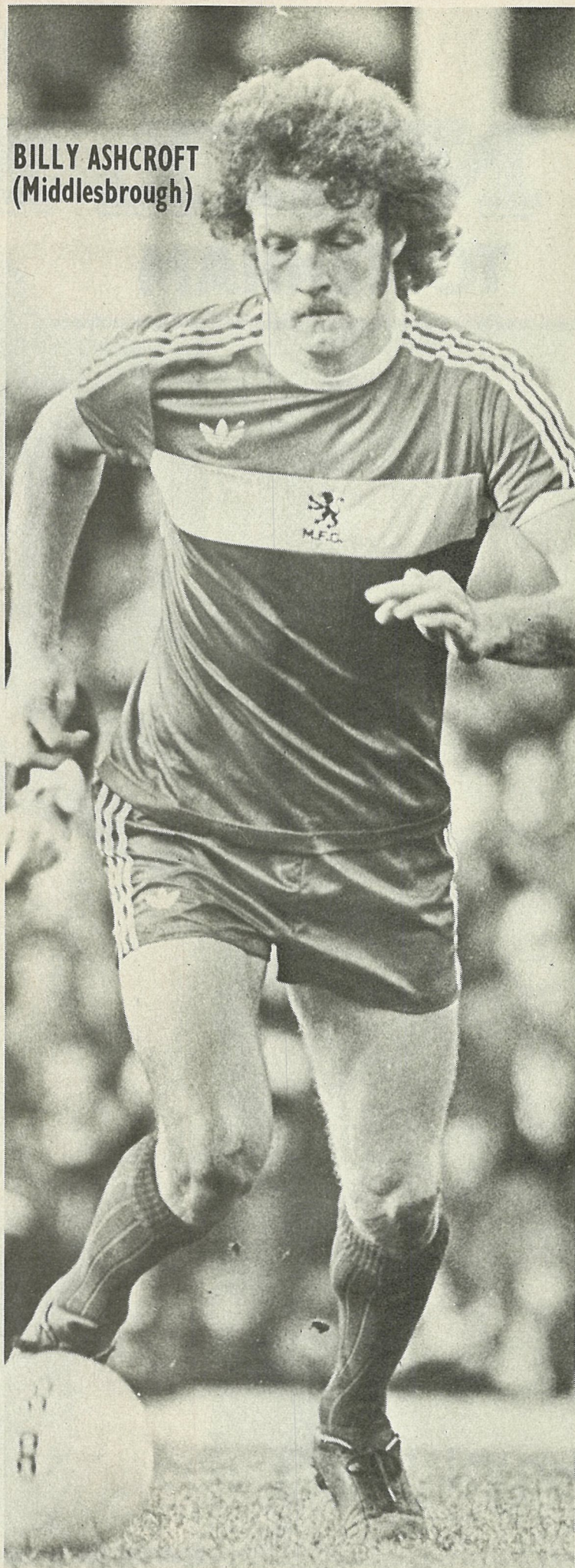
ACROSS:—

- (1) Kenny —, Nottingham Forest back-four player.
- (4) Liverpool have won a great many in their history.
- (7) —ton Park, home of West Ham United.
- (9) Derek — c-tt of Burnley.
- (11) Make sound of disapproval or discontent.
- (13) Coventry City, The — Blues.
- (15) They won the F.A. Cup in 1971-72. (5 & 6)
- (19) — Villa from Birmingham.
- (21) Unexpected drawbacks or problems.
- (23) Come to a standstill.
- (24) David B — r-on of Newcastle United.
- (25) Circular bands as on some teams socks.
- (26) Cre — e — — exa — dra. Area of grass for the missing letters.
- (29) Venue of the 1976/77 European Cup Final (Liverpool v. Borussia Monchengladbach).
- (32) G — yf — — l — Park (Arbroath). Notion from the omissions.
- (33) Can be put on a player for bad conduct, etc.
- (35) Short for the man in charge of the game.
- (36) — Road, ground of club in clue 26.

DOWN:

- (1) — Green, Peterborough United defender.
- (2) Pat —, Arsenal full-back.
- (3) In short replacement players.
- (5) Jack Ash — r — t of Sunderland.
- (6) Support for the crossbar!
- (8) — l — — gh Lane G — ound, Wimbledon.
- (10) — Puddefoot was a famous player with West Ham.
- (12) Tony Mah — — ey of Fulham.
- (14) Kevin —, star player, now with Hamburger S.V.
- (16) Peter —, Queens Park Rangers striker.
- (17) Left out of the team, for instance.
- (18) — Callaghan, Liverpool midfielder.
- (19) — — — ton Gate; home of Bristol City.
- (20) Jim — h — ms — n of Burnley.
- (21) On one's own as in a — — — run for goal.
- (22) Paris — Germain; French League club.
- (27) Mick L — — bert of Ipswich Town.
- (28) — — r — ick Ranger —. The word from the missing letters.
- (29) Alan — — ma — e of Middlesbrough.
- (30) Mike M — ho — e —, Newcastle 'keeper.
- (31) P — — tman Road, Ipswich's ground.
- (32) — — rhill Park (Partick). The omissions reversed.
- (34) W — — ford. For whom Elton John is chairman.

BILLY ASHCROFT
(Middlesbrough)



ALAN MULLERY

'Best manager in the country'

says Brighton Chairman **MIKE BAMBER**

BRIGHTON believe their agonising miss in last season's race for promotion to the First Division was only a brief setback.

The go-ahead South Coast club are convinced they will make it to the top next May — and go on to establish themselves as one of the top clubs in the country.

Wishful thinking? Idle dreams? Not to anyone who knows the burning ambition everyone at the club has to make Brighton a really big name in the game.

It is an obsession with chairman Mike Bamber and dynamic young manager Alan Mullery (below) — who has just completed two memorable years in charge at the Goldstone ground.

Mullery's first season ended with promotion from the Third Division. His second came to an end with Brighton denied promotion again only on goal difference.

His appointment was a master stroke by Bamber, who had to move smartly when Peter Taylor walked out to re-form his partnership with Brian Clough at Forest.

"People still try to tell me that this Brighton side is Taylor's team — but they could not be more wrong," says Bamber.

"He and Clough put Brighton on the football map when they came here. But it was Alan Mullery who has brought us success.

"He has had two fantastic years and there's plenty more to come from the man I rate the best manager in the country."

Mullery, a natural leader and born winner, won't rest until he

has steered Brighton to the top.

And with the experience — and financial resources he has at his disposal — only a fool would bet against him doing it.

"This is a fantastic club to work for and I'm loving every minute of it here," he says.

"I was out of work for three months after finishing my playing career with Fulham and had begun to give up hope of getting a job.

"Mike Bamber did me a favour by offering me the manager's job here. I'm going to repay him by really helping this club to take off.

"And it's a dead cert they will. They are going up in a big way — higher than the roof of the stand."

Why did Bamber go for Mullery when Taylor made his shock decision to quit the club?

It was because of something that happened several years earlier that made a lasting impression on the chairman, who explains:

"I was watching a match at Craven Cottage and one of the Fulham players did something a little casual and did not seem too bothered about it.

"But Alan Mullery was bothered. So bothered he gave his teammate a fearful telling off and, in fact, almost hit him.

"I thought at the time that anyone with that attitude must be a great character to have on your side, and when I had to get another manager Alan's was the first name that came to mind.

"It looks like the best decision I've ever made for Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club."

Richie Barker

PROUD SHREWSBURY KNOW THEIR LIMITATIONS

SHREWSBURY Town joined the Football League when they were elected to the Third Division (North) in 1950. Since then, their history has been fairly quiet except for reaching the Semi-Final of the League Cup in 1961, and they have never played in the Second Division.

"Some people might say that our chances of promotion, on paper, are slim . . . but we don't play on paper do we?" A great quote from the Town's new manager, Richie Barker, who took over when Alan Durban switched to Stoke City in February.

He had some other interesting and encouraging things to say about the small proud club that has spent 26 years of its League experience in the Third Division.

"We haven't attracted much publicity here because in a way it's a bit of an oasis . . . neither North nor South nor East or West.

"The big clubs can of course justify buying to strengthen their squads whereas at times we have to buy to play a man immediately. I can never justify to myself or to the Board of Directors to spend a tremendous amount of money because I could never get it back through the gates.

"We averaged about 4,000 a game last season and our capacity is only 14,000. Therefore we have to keep a little bit of rein on our spending because, if the transfer isn't successful, the money is lost and even if it is successful we have still got to balance the outlay with what we can get through the gates.

"Other big clubs in this League at their peak can pull 25,000 supporters. We physically cannot get them in and that's a limitation we have to live with . . . but that's not an excuse, it's a fact.

"Being on the side of the river Severn there isn't much room for expansion (the ball can be kicked into the river from the pitch). Nevertheless we haven't got any money troubles and the club is run very sensibly by the Directors.

"In our position you have got to be realistic . . . our ambition is to get into the Second Division but along the way we cannot mort-

gage everything."

The unpredictability of football means that it could be Shrewsbury's year. Barker, in his first year as manager of a League club could lead them higher than they have ever been before. If the opportunity presents itself he will grab it. It's been that way right through his career.

As a player, he was with Burton Albion in the Southern League until Peter Taylor plucked him out of non-League football to play for Derby County.

Richie Barker was 27-years-of-age when he made his League debut. His bustling centre-forward skill is very much at a premium today. After Derby he went on to play for Notts County and then Peterborough where a broken leg brought his career to a halt.

Reorganised

He was then plucked from a coaching job with Enderby Town (Northern Section of Southern League) four years ago by Alan Durban to be assistant-manager at Shrewsbury. In their first year they completely reorganised the playing set-up — and gained promotion out of the Fourth Division.

"We have had some very good spells since we came here," said Barker. "At some time or another during each season we topped the Third Division. We played well but just at the end didn't have enough strength to get us out . . . possibly the scales were tipped with too much ability rather than graft.

"I don't think the mixture has been right. In the early part of the seasons when the grounds were very good we turned in some great performances."

His ambition to get the blend right was obviously behind his declining the chance to go to Stoke as assistant with Durban.

With former club skipper, Graham Turner, as his coach, we can expect Richie Barker to be strengthening the team with some of the money he has netted in two deals. He got £40,000 from Sheffield Wednesday for Brian Hornsby and £60,000 from Stoke for Sammy Irvine.



EVEN before a ball had been kicked this season, my name was in the news. Many newspapers had me on the verge of signing for Arsenal, but I'd like to make it quite clear that having signed a new two-year contract with Chelsea, my immediate future lies at Stamford Bridge.

Towards the end of last season the chairman approached me about the possibility of a new contract. My old one still had a year to run, although I must be honest and say that I was looking for better terms.

During the summer, I discussed the matter with Brian Mears and I was happy to sign the new, improved contract.

I knew nothing at all about any transfer apart from what I read in the papers. Nobody has said anything to me officially, so it's hard for me to comment. I can't say I was too worried. I suppose it's nice in some ways to know you're in demand... according to the Press, anyway.

This was the second time my name had been linked with a major transfer. Last season Liverpool were allegedly interested in me. I was a little unsettled then, because it was a football-first for me, but the Arsenal business didn't bother me at all.

People have said that Chelsea must eventually sell me. However, the club are, thankfully, over the worst of their financial crisis and last month money was made available for Ken Shellito in the transfer market.

I don't feel any pressure. I felt far more when I came into the side a few years ago when we were struggling against relegation and I was made captain.

I would not have signed the new contract if I didn't believe Chelsea could win a trophy. I'm ambitious, but at the same time I think this Chelsea team could develop into a top side. Obviously I can't look THAT far to the future, yet I've always been happy at Chelsea. The club have treated me well and I place loyalty high on my list of priorities. At the moment, leaving Stamford Bridge is the last thing on my mind.

Also, I was married a month ago and Jackie and I have moved into a house in Surrey. I was the third Chelsea player to be married this summer — Gary Locke and Ian Britton also "got hitched" while Stevie Wicks took the plunge a few months ago.

Jackie is Ken Shellito's secretary and will continue working at the club.

It was an unforgettable day — captured here by the SHOOT photographer... but I've never been as nervous. Not even before my England debut! I'm glad it's all over!

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**RAY
WILKINS**
Writes for you

So, having put the record straight, what about Chelsea for 1978/79? By the time you read this we'll have played our first two games, but I'm writing this before the big kick-off because of shortage of time.

I'm hopeful we've got off to a good start. During our preparations I've felt there has been a more professional attitude amongst the players. Also, I believe we're fitter than ever before at this stage.

Thankfully, we weren't relegated last season . . . at one stage I had a horrible feeling we were going straight back to Division Two. We were in the middle of one of those runs where nothing seemed to go right, but we got out of this rut to pull clear.

Consistency . . . that's what we must aim for this season. We drew more home games than any of our rivals last season and I can also remember us dropping five or six points by conceding last-minute goals.

We must concentrate for the full 90 minutes, not just 89, and learn by our mistakes of last term.

There is more competition for places this season. Not only can Ken strengthen the squad, but David Hay and Garry Stanley should also be fit to push for regular places.



"I rate Glenn Hoddle as one of the best young midfielders in the League."

Because of a relatively small pool of players and not being able to compete in the transfer market, too many of us were not really being challenged for our first team spots.

Nobody can be complacent now, although, of course, the squad system always creates problems because certain players are left out . . . which no player likes. From the manager's point of view, the more men he can have to select his team from the better and I hope Chelsea will be in a much better position in this respect during 1978/79 than a year ago.

I hope to improve my own game by training morning and afternoon. I don't think I'm getting the best out of myself, so I'm going back after the regular training session to work on skills, like shooting. I believe Ray Lewington and Garry Stanley have made similar promises.

I don't reckon I've reached my full potential and I'm hoping the extra work will add an extra edge to my game.

I also want to improve on my disciplinary record, cutting down especially on dissent. The club have introduced a £25 fine for any player booked for arguing — last season I would have paid out about £100, so I'm going to make a concerted effort to keep my mouth closed from now. To the ref, that is!

'Old Faithfuls'

My tip for the title are Manchester City . . . they have all-round strength, especially at the back, skill, flair, experience. I think the contenders will once again be the "old faithfuls" with, I hope, Chelsea up there pushing them.

This Saturday (August 26th) we make the short trip to White Hart Lane to face Spurs.

I've been asked many times about Ardiles and Villa. While I hope they do well, I mean no disrespect to them when I say I'd rather play alongside Glenn Hoddle and Neil McNab. For my money, they are two of the best young midfielders around, especially Hoddle.

He's going to be a superb player and the season he's had in Division Two won't have done him any harm. It will have made him more physical and I'm sure he'll have returned to the top flight a better player for this "apprenticeship".

Join me again in two weeks when I'll be talking about the Forest/Liverpool European Cup-tie . . . and England against Denmark in the European Championship.

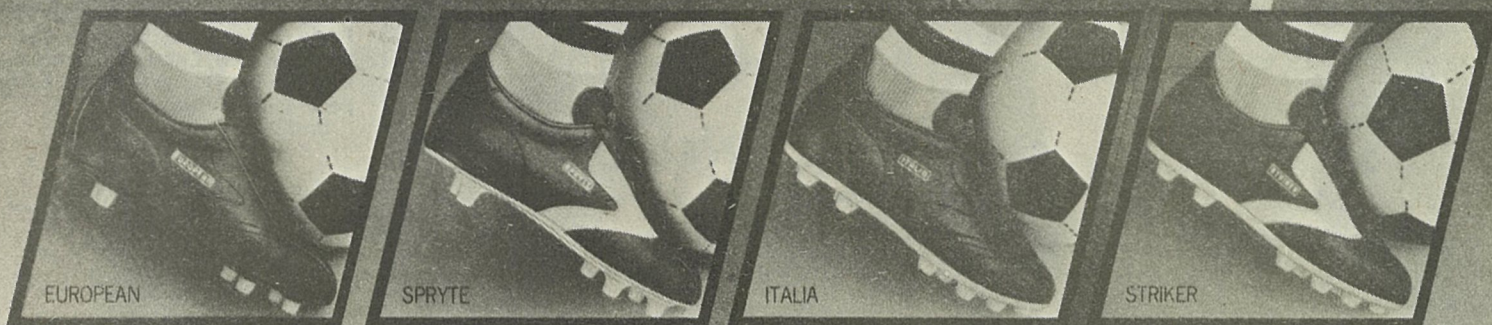
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ONE of the greatest scenes indelibly imprinted in the minds of British football followers must be the sight of Bob Stokoe clasp goalkeeper Jim Montgomery after Sunderland had snatched the F.A. Cup in 1973 from the favourites Leeds.

The picture of radiant happiness rivals all other famous moments... including Gordon Banks' save from Pele and the emotional aftermath of the 1966 England World Cup victory.

Sunderland's victory was an incredible achievement for Stokoe, who had returned to his native North-East when Sunderland were third from bottom of the Second Division and gates were down to 10,000.

Ironically he left Blackpool to rescue Sunderland and now he is back with The Seaside with the same mission — to rescue a club whose gates have dropped to 10,000 and tasted the failure of

far more testing and trying than I expected."

Stokoe agreed one aspect of the board's offer to him was particularly encouraging "they were almost a new set of directors wanting me to be manager... only one director remained from my first term and so I wasn't being offered the job for old time's sake."

"Mind you, in the two years I was here before I consider I established them as a Second Division club winning the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1971 and finishing as runners-up in the same tournament the next year."

Early in March, with relegation unthinkable, the Blackpool board was being praised in quite a few quarters for their sensible split-sale of centre-half Paul Hart, for £330,000 to Leeds, and striker Mickey Walsh, to be released in August (to Everton) for £325,000.

The drop into the Third Division

BOB STOKOE'S MISSION- to rescue "sinking" Blackpool



soured everything. Journalists and supporters alike have been bitter in their condemnation of the sale of so many of the club's best players.

Stokoe knew exactly what had happened. "For financial reasons the club sold goalkeep George Wood to Everton and with the Hart transfer coming up it unsettled the other players. They were ambitious and hoping to get promotion and they could see their hopes dissolving. It was a natural disappointment... nobody likes to see good players leave a club."

"I bought Wood from East Stirling for £8,000 and introduced Walsh, a local boy, into the team."

"Since my arrival Bob Hatton has gone to Luton for £45,000, Alan Ainscow has joined Birmingham for £40,000. They didn't want to play in the Third Division. Then of course there was the very tragic death of winger Alan Groves."

"Naturally we needed to move quickly for replacements and have spent about £200,000, bringing in Mel Holden from Sunderland, Derek Spence from Greece top club Olympiakos Piraeus — we felt he deserved another chance here — Bobby Tynan from Tranmere, Vic Davidson from Motherwell and David Wagstaffe from Blackburn."

"These are all good players and I can understand the bookmakers making us favourites to get promotion, but the truth is it is early days and we have not had enough time to assess the side... rhythm doesn't come overnight. With Stan Ternent and the one-and-only Peter Docherty as my assistants we will get it right."

"Blackpool, like other seaside clubs get their crowds at the wrong time. Just now the town is packed but, when the football season gets under way, many pack up and leave... such a pity, we could do with their support."

being relegated to the Third Division for the first time in its history.

We caught up with Stokoe one evening. There has been little rest for him since he took over on the 1st June and plunged into transfer deals, training, tribunals and the massive job of lifting the confidence of the devastated club, but the challenge invigorated him.

"I shall always be grateful to Bury's chairman, Bill Allen, for the job there but, as he appreciated, there's more scope with Blackpool. I seem to have gone in on troublesome times with practically every club but I must admit the few months I have been here were

The First Division's bridesmaids!

TRADITION is fine. Clubs with honours galore insist it is important. But tradition guarantees nothing, least of all a divine right to be in the First Division.

It also counts for very little on a Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the referee's whistle blows to signal the start of another 90 minutes battle for two points. Then it is just one team against another.

Gordon Milne, formerly of Liverpool and England, now manager of Coventry City, subscribes to that view.

The Sky Blues, along with Norwich, Queens Park Rangers, Middlesbrough, Bristol City, Leicester and Birmingham have lit-

players compare their club's history with that of opponents?

"Not at all," says Milne. "We're a proud club and have no reason to feel inferior to anybody."

"We've pioneered a lot of things. And at present we are the only team in the First Division that can proudly say we have never been relegated to the Second."

"We've built a very good young team, and we don't have to sell our best players any more."

"Last season they were getting to know each other. A lot were a little frightened of taking responsibility. Now they relish it. That must be down to Terry Yorath — he's a great leader."

"We've also worked at providing entertainment. In the first five months of last season we had been involved in games that had produced more than 100 goals. We are good to watch."

"Obviously our aim now is to start winning trophies. We did well in the League Cup in 1977-78, and for a time I thought we stood a chance of winning it. But I've realised we need a couple more players yet."

"I'll settle for a place in Europe now. We're good enough, and as I say, have no reason to feel second-rate."

Middlesbrough, for years one of the North East's sleeping giants, were awakened by Jack Charlton, and are another club rebuilding.

'Tradition'

Like Coventry they are desperate for success, but their manager John Neal agrees with Gordon Milne. "Tradition is tremendous, but you can't survive on it," he says.

How true. Looking outside the First Division you come across Bolton, Bury, Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United, four clubs with 13 F.A. Cup wins between them.

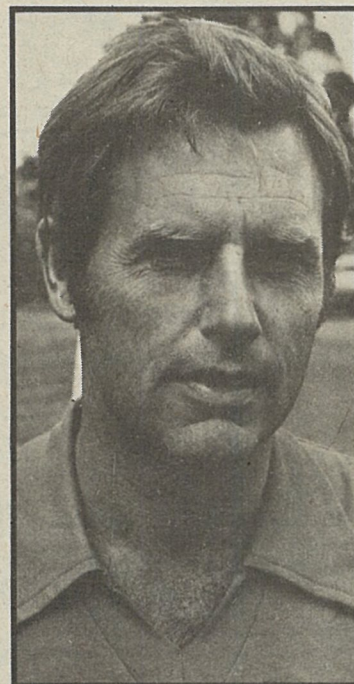
Huddersfield, Sunderland, Portsmouth and Burnley have won the League Championship 13 times. And so it goes on. How many of those clubs would swap their tradition for First Division status?

For John Neal, the First Division is a new experience. He is in his second full season after moving from Wrexham in the summer of 1977.

"I've not met with any real problems," he says. "And the tradition element has never bothered me."

"But my aim is to have this club bracketed with the Manchester Uniteds and the Liverpools. I won't be satisfied until I achieve that."

How long then, before the seemingly eternal bridesmaids — Coventry, Middlesbrough, Queens Park Rangers, Bristol City, Leicester and Birmingham — finally don the gown of the bride?



Coventry City boss Gordon Milne.

tle tradition. They have never won the League Championship or the F.A. Cup. In short, they are the First Division's bridesmaids.

Milne is busy rebuilding Coventry. Over the past three years he has had to ruthlessly tear apart the nucleus of good teams, sell his best players, all with the aim of wiping out crippling club debts.

He has done that. Now Coventry are one of a handful of clubs in the black. They look to have a solid future and that is down to the delicate balancing act between solvency and survival.

In 1976-77 Coventry escaped relegation by one point. Last term they just missed a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

But do clubs like Coventry suffer from a lack of tradition? Do they secretly worry they are not among the League's big clubs? And do the



SAINTS SHOCK CHAMPS

The Scottish Premier Division had a sensational opening, with Treble winners Rangers losing 1-0 at home to St. Mirren. Our former columnist John Greig could not have wished for a worse start to his career as Ibrox manager, but credit to Saints for their fighting display.

ABOVE ... St. Mirren's Iain Munro (stripes) robs his ex-team-mate Bobby Russell.

RIGHT ... On-loan Rangers defender Alex Forsyth tackles Frank McGarvie.

FAR RIGHT ... Saints' keeper Ally McLean clears a Rangers attack, assisted by centre-half Andy Dunlop. The hand getting to grips with Dunlop belongs to Derek Johnstone.

BELOW ... Rangers winger Tommy McLean (far left) goes close.



ANY young lad who harbours the dream that so many youngsters have of becoming a top footballer should take a lesson from Scottish football's Mr Remarkable.

That's Jimmy Lumsden signed by Celtic manager Billy McNeill on a free transfer from Clydebank to coach the Parkhead reserve youngsters.

But Jimmy, who spent so long as Billy Bremner's understudy at Elland Road before giving sterling service to Morton and The Bankies, wouldn't settle for that.

His attitude, the one every lad should attempt to attain, made him work harder than anyone at pre-season training and win a place in the pool for Billy McNeill's first game as Celts' boss — against Montrose at Links Park.

I don't think even Jimmy himself expected to play, but he was included in the side and without a doubt proved himself to be the man of the match.

He was involved in everything, and even at the tender age of 30 he proved to be just about the fittest man on the park. "I never thought this would happen," he said later.

"When Celtic signed me it was to coach the reserve side, but I see no

reason why I shouldn't try and get myself into the first team.

"I don't really expect it to last, but I will be doing all I can to make sure it does!"

Good things don't come easy in football, but if you work hard they might just brighten up. No one has worked more at being a success than Jimmy Lumsden. He deserves all the good times he can get.

Talking of hard work and nice guys reminds me of Pat Stanton.

Retired

The former Hibs sweeper who joined up at Parkhead in the twilight of his career and was rejuvenated only to be plagued with injury, finally retired at the beginning of the month.

It was probably the hardest decision of his career, but he was forced into it after a struggle to re-gain full fitness after a year out of action with knee trouble, followed by jaundice.

He seemed to be on his way back and played in the friendly against Montrose... but then came the shock decision to quit.

Celtic will miss him badly. Indeed so will all football fans who admired

the cultured things of the game.

His decision came as a shock to me because he was training so hard... although I must confess perhaps he didn't look one hundred per cent.

The thing is though, a 95 per cent fit Stanton would have been good enough for most people in the land... but Pat, being the honest man he is, didn't want anything less than the real thing.

He is a gentleman and wouldn't cheat anyone, far less himself.

There is one other ex-colleague I would like to mention while I am reading down this roll of honour... Tommy Callaghan, who left Celtic to join Clydebank and has now taken over the managership of Galway Rovers right in the heart of Galway Bay in beautiful Ireland.

Tommy — or Tid to his mates — was, of course, a team-mate of Jimmy Lumsden with The Bankies so Kilbowie is obviously a good breeding ground for success.

But I have a special reason for wishing Tid and the Rovers all the best... their latest signing. He is one Tommy McGrain who just happens to be the young brother of yours truly and once my team-mate at Celtic Park.

However, now it is all down to stamina building. I have packed in the cycling I was doing, because I am doing the full training with the rest of the squad and going back for extras in the afternoon.

Only Steve Austin would try to improve on that.

During my spell of inaction, many kids have asked me about what kind of training they should be involved in.

Well, I would have thought any lad up to 15 wouldn't have to do very much to keep fit. Any boy of that age should be full of energy and fit enough for even the highest level of football in their age group.

Skinny Arms

After that it is a case of road running for stamina and perhaps using some weights to build up any muscle deficiencies. Personally I would have loved to improve my skinny arms... but one way or another I never did any serious training until I was 17.

They ask whether I enjoy training... and my stock answer to that is: "I always enjoy it after I have done it."

Some of the work I am doing now is torture, but I know it has to be done and there is absolutely no point at all in shirking. You might as well be at home than not working properly.

I don't enjoy some of the stuff I have to do to get back to match fitness... but I will enjoy the benefits of it.

It is the same sort of thing when I come out of the gym or off the park after a heavy session with the sweat pouring off my brow, and I know nothing would delight me more than a big bottle of cold fizzy orange or an ice-cold Coke.

But I have to resist the temptation and settle for water, because I know fizzy drinks bag me up and make me feel worse later. Some people say tea is the thing to cool you down, but I could never see how anyone could drink a steaming cup of tea while they themselves are steaming hot.

Finally, can I add my salute and congratulations to former Celtic manager Jock Stein who had such an amazing night at Parkhead on August 14th for his testimonial match against Liverpool.

The Big Man took the salute of the football world that night and no-one deserved it more. Oh yes, and it was nice to see a guy called Kenny Dalglish again. They tell me he has been to Celtic Park once or twice before.

See you in two weeks...

Danny McGrain

'Take a lesson from 'Mr. Remarkable''

Celtic snapped up Jimmy Lumsden on a free transfer from Clydebank.



Stick at it, kid!
All this talk of people brings me back to... me. After all, whose column is this!

I am still about four pounds overweight, although the weight and the worries are dropping fast. I hope to play my first game back around the end of September although the first time I kicked a ball again, despite having no trouble with the ankle, I stubbed a toe! Talk about embarrassing!



Tartan Talk **DANNY McGRAIN**

**NEXT WEEK'S
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FROM RANGERS'
DEREK JOHNSTONE**

PARKHEAD and Ibrox are two grounds where good football is seen in splendid abundance. However, it seems Celtic and Rangers don't just have some of the best players in the country... it would appear they are also breeding grounds for potential managers.

Just take a look at the present day bosses with clubs in Scotland and the amount of former Old Firm men in charge. It is quite a breath-taking list.

There are seven ex-Rangers and four ex-Celts guiding teams throughout the minefield that is soccer.

John Greig is, of course, manager at Ibrox with Alex Ferguson (Aberdeen) and Roger Hynd (Motherwell), his former team-mate, the other men in charge of Premier Division sides.

Craig Brown (Clyde), Bobby Watson (Airdrie), Davy Wilson (Dumbarton) and Davie Smith (Berwick Rangers) are the other former Rangers who have become managers.

Billy McNeill, possibly the most famous skipper in Celtic's history, became the Parkhead boss during the pre-season.

Benny Rooney (Morton) and Bertie Auld (Partick Thistle) are also at the helm of their respective Premier clubs while Tommy Gemmell (Dundee) hopes to join them in the top Division at the end of this season.

Sacked

And Celtic's list could have been even bigger if Eric Smith hadn't quit Hamilton — where his place has been taken by the Parkhead side's former assistant boss Davie McParland — and Kilmarnock hadn't sacked Willie Fernie and Mike Jackson hadn't left Queen of the South to become assistant boss at Morton.

Pat Crerand, Tommy Docherty, Bobby Collins and Jimmy Sirrel are four other ex-Celts who have taken their managerial qualities South of the border.

Well, what makes Celtic and Rangers so special when it comes to breeding managers?

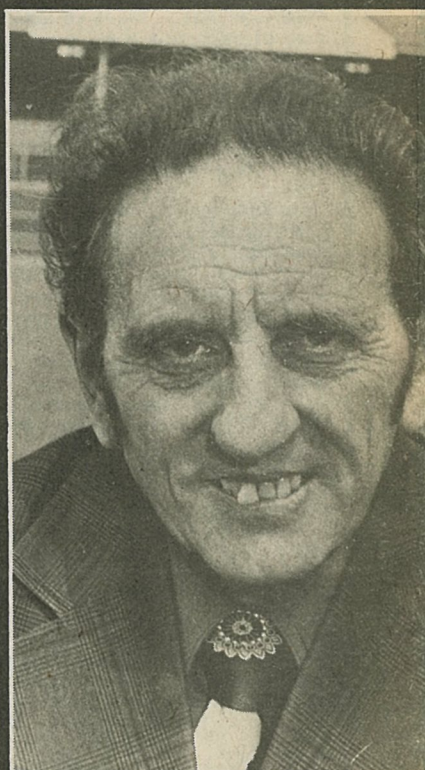
One player puts it this way: "To play for either club you must be ambitious. You must also be able to work with pressures and strain. The fans of these clubs expect and demand success.

"You live with this need day in and day out. Football is in your blood and when you eventually quit the playing side it is difficult just to pack up and move out of the game altogether.

"And, of course, you are being coached by the very best there is to offer in Scotland. Look at the Celtic lads and Jock Stein's guidance and influence who have gone on to become managers. They must have learned a lot from the Big Man.

"Ronnie Simpson had a go at managing Hamilton and, of course, McNeill, Gemmell and Auld are present day bosses with Bobby Murdoch a backroom boy at Middlesbrough and John Clark is the assistant to McNeill at Parkhead. John Hughes, too, had a brief spell in charge of Stranraer.

"That is a fantastic amount of managers from one team and a lot of it must be due to Jock Stein.



Former captain John Greig (left) took over Rangers after Jock Wallace resigned to become boss of Leicester. Two managers who used to play for Celtic and are now in charge of Football League clubs are Jimmy Sirrel (above, Notts County) and Tommy Docherty (below, Derby County).

When it comes to former Old Firm players in managerial posts, the Light Blues lead the way in Scotland

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The players have obviously listened well while he was talking."

Another ex-Celt, Tommy Callaghan, freed at the end of last season by Clydebank, is the manager of Irish club Galway Rovers and what is the betting Pat Stanton, who recently retired, becomes a boss?

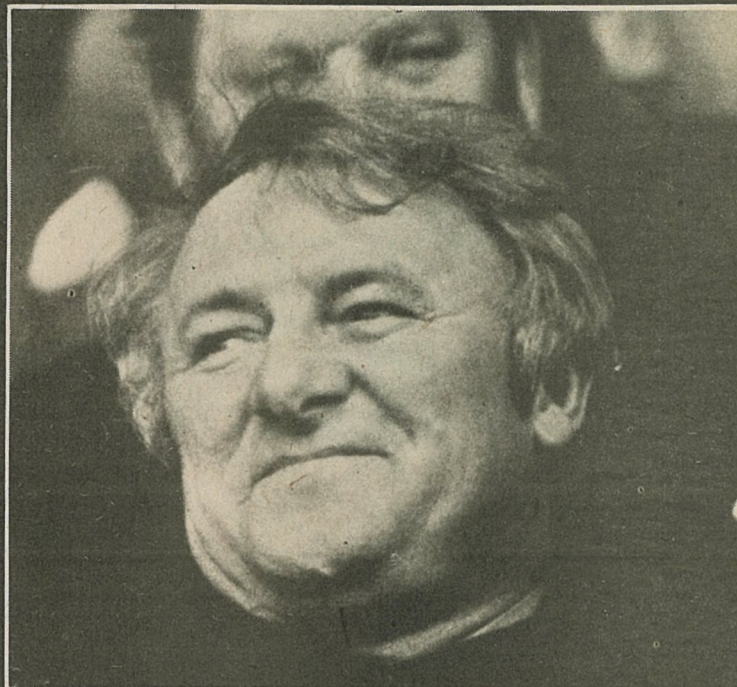
"I would dearly love to stay in the game in some capacity," says 35-year-old Stanton. "I wanted to continue to play of course, but it wasn't fair to Celtic.

"I wasn't one hundred per cent fit and playing at the back of the defence you must be ready for anything. I think too much of Celtic to take that risk.

"It wasn't any easy decision, but it was one that had to be made eventually. Now I am open to offers..."

There can be no doubt Stanton will be snapped up by some ambitious club. He has a wealth of knowledge and is one of the most experienced campaigners in Scottish soccer.

Already there had been some talk of him rejoining Hibs as an





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assistant to Eddie Turnbull. That would be a move that would be welcomed by everyone.

There are difficulties, though, when a player quits and suddenly finds himself boss of his former team-mates.

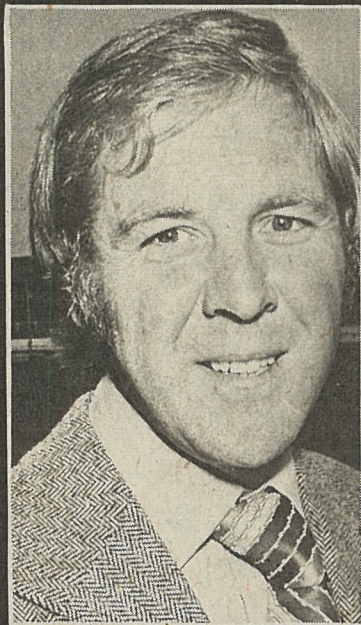
"You need their respect immediately," says Ibrox boss John Greig. "It is vital to start off on the right footing."

"The players must know who is boss and who is going to make the decisions. Thankfully, they are a mature lot at Ibrox and there has been no trouble in the transition."

"They know to call me boss or Mr. Greig. That's the way it will continue."

Other managers have made the mistake of being too close to the players. The story goes one former boss used to go for drinks with a particular member of his first team squad.

They were good friends, but the players form dipped over a long spell and because of their friendship the manager didn't drop



ABOVE . . . A seated Jock Stein with former players, from left, Benny Rooney, Billy McNeill, Mike Jackson, Bertie Auld, Willie Wallace, Tommy Gemmell and Willie Fernie. LEFT . . . Clyde manager Craig Brown. RIGHT . . . Roger Hynd is in charge of Premier Division side Motherwell.

the player. Other players became unsettled because of this, results got worse and eventually the boss was sacked. There is a lesson there for every budding manager.

Looking ahead, there is definite manager potential in the present day Old Firm players.

Tommy McLean, with a keen, alert, astute brain, could join his two brothers Jim (Dundee United) and Willie (Raith Rovers) as a manager when he eventually decides to stop gracing the football park.

His close personal friend and team-mate Tom Forsyth also looks a good bet for a hot seat place. And the intelligent, articulate Gordon Smith could probably be a hit as a boss, but that may be

looking a bit too far into the future!

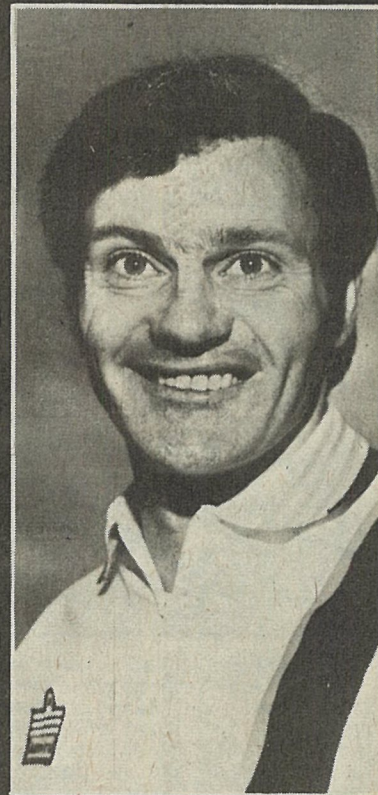
Danny McGrain could stay in the game in some capacity when his playing days are over and Andy Lynch is another possibility.

However, it is interesting to see how the managers today differ in their attitudes. Partick Thistle's Bertie Auld may not agree with us, but it looks as though he favours a defensive system away from home.

Billy McNeill, though, likes to attack home AND away. Strangely, Auld was the playmaker in that exciting Celtic team of the Sixties and McNeill was a defender. They appear to have reversed their roles now!

The managers, though, have proved themselves to be mature, forward thinking people. They have accepted tough jobs and they haven't shirked their responsibilities that have come their way.

"The difference between Berwick Rangers and Glasgow Rangers is night and day," says



Davie Smith. "The Glasgow side has glamour, power and money. I have to count every penny at Shieffield. I can't afford to make any mistakes in the transfer market."

"But it is a challenge and I enjoy it. That's what this wonderful game is all about after all."

The managerial game is a dangerous one. The axe is always poised and the only thing certain, as Dundee United's Jim McLean once said, is you will be sacked one day.

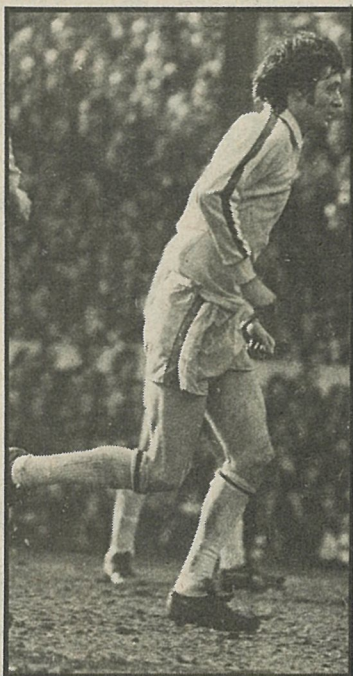
That thought doesn't seem to deter Old Firm players from launching into new careers when they stop playing.

They are obviously very brave men . . .

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Tottenham's Argentinian signings Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa made their debuts on the club's pre-season tour. Was it against Aberdeen, Royal Antwerp or V.V.V. Venlo?

2. Former Leeds United and England striker Allan Clarke (below) is player-manager of which Fourth Division club?



3. Manchester United celebrated their centenary recently when they entertained Real Madrid at Old Trafford. The Reds won 4-0. Sammy McIlroy scored two goals in the first-half, did Joe Jordan, Brian (right) or Jimmy Greenhoff score the other two?

4. The F.A. Charity Shield was played on Saturday, 12th August, between League Champions Nottingham Forest and F.A. Cup holders Ipswich Town. (a) What was the half-time score, (b) who scored the first goal and (c) was it the third, fourth or fifth Charity Shield match played at Wembley Stadium?

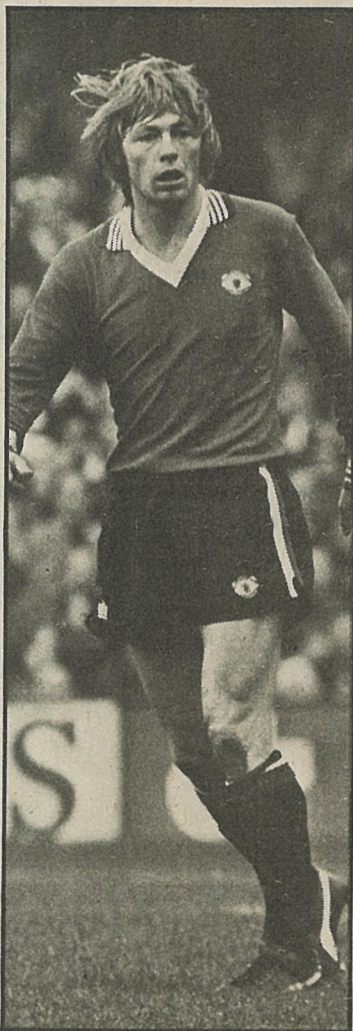
5. Orient surprisingly transferred defender Glenn Roeder for around £250,000. Which First Division club did he join?

6. Two Fourth Division players finished last season as equal top scorers with 32 League goals. One played for Swansea City, the other for Brentford . . . can you name the pair?

7. This season, Liverpool will be attempting to capture the European Cup for the third year in succession. If they succeed the Anfield club will be the fourth to complete a hat-trick of wins. Which other three clubs have achieved this feat?

8. Select the correct scores from the following Anglo/Scottish Cup matches, played on Tuesday, 8th August. (a) Bolton v. Sheffield United (0-0, 1-0, 2-0), (b) Fulham v. Bristol Rovers (1-0, 2-0, 2-1), (c) Oldham v. Sunderland (1-0, 2-1, 3-2).

9. Did Steve Coppel score the only and winning goal for England against Scotland at Hampden Park in May in the first or second-half with a right or left foot shot?

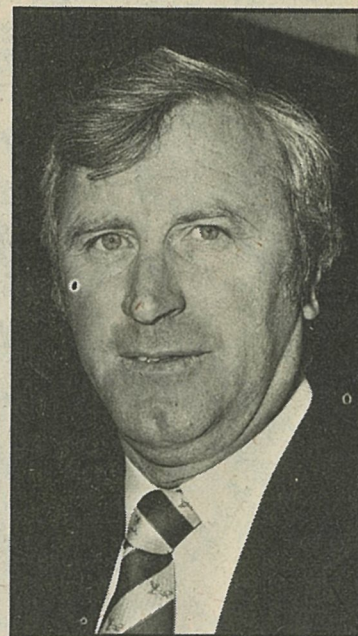


10. Which Wolves player was transferred to Swedish club IFK Vasteras recently?

11. True or false? England beat Wales 2-1 to clinch the football gold medal in the recent Commonwealth Games in Canada.



12. Jim Cumbes, John Robson (above), Charlie Aitken, Ian Ross, Chris Nicholl, Bobby McDonald, Ray Graydon, Brian Little, Keith Leonard, Chico Hamilton and Frank Carrodus appeared together in a League Cup Final at Wembley. Can you name their club and in which season the game was played?



13. Leicester City manager Jock Wallace (above) was a member of Berwick's Scottish Cup sensational 1-0 victory against Glasgow Rangers in 1967. Did he play goalkeeper, full-back or striker?

14. Borussia Monchengladbach and West Germany skipper Berti Vogts was in the news recently after a German Cup game. Do you know why?

15. Marjan Golac, a Yugoslav, made his debut for West Brom, Hearts, Southampton or Rangers in the Tennent-Caledonian Tournament before the start of the season at Ibrox?

ANSWERS

1. Royal Antwerp. 2. Barnsley. 3. Southampton. 4. Goalkeeper. 5. He broke a leg. 6. Villa in 1974-75 v. Norwich. 7. no football in the Games. 8. Aston — foot. 9. Maurice Daly. 10. False — 2-1. 9. Second-half with his right. 10. Munich. 8. (a) 1-0. (b) 2-1. (c) Brentford. 7. Real Madrid, Ajax and Swansea and Steve Phillips of Park Rangers. 6. Alan Curtis of Jimmy Greenhoff. 4. (a) 2-0 to Forest. 3.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

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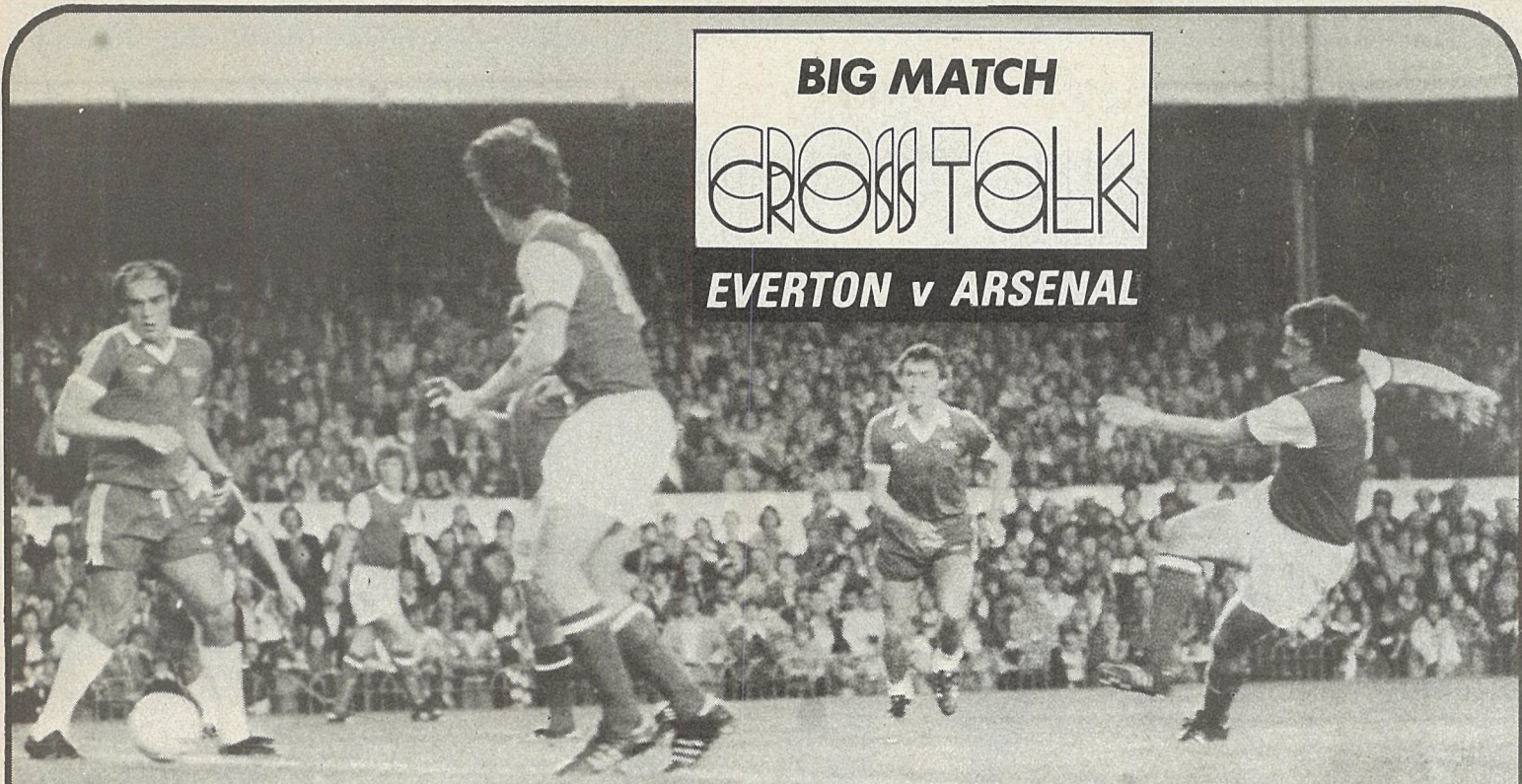
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BIG MATCH

CROSSTALK

EVERTON v ARSENAL

Arsenal's Richie Powling scores the only goal of the match against Everton at Highbury last season.

NELSON: It's a little early in the season to make an opinion on current form, Mike, but looking back a few months, Arsenal and Everton showed some consistent form in the League. So judging on their performances last term, I think it will be an entertaining game at Goodison.

LYONS: I'm sure it will, Sammy. Though I believe Everton have had the better of recent meetings between the two sides, which must be encouraging to us. And at Goodison, our fans will help us a lot by giving the sort of support a Merseyside crowd can give.

NELSON: Well, Arsenal beat Everton at Highbury last season by 1-0, with the Goodison meeting between us finishing in a 2-0 win for Everton. But this time, we are hoping that Malcolm Macdonald will be 100 per cent fit after his operation and oblige us with a goal or two. On his day, there is nobody better than Malcolm at finding the net.

LYONS: Don't forget we have Bob Latchford, and following his fine goals tally in 1977-78, I'm confident he will be as dangerous to defenders in the early part of this season as he was last April. And talking about scoring, our midfield man Andy King, will be looking for goals as well as trying to create chances.

NELSON: Liam Brady will be one of our midfield men who we will be counting on to keep us going forward, and at the back we'll be concentrating on the best way to keep a clean sheet. Last season, the defenders didn't give much away when the two teams met, although I'll not attempt to make



'Confident Gunners can reverse last season's result on Merseyside'

SAMMY NELSON
(Arsenal)

any forecast of what the score will be this time.

LYONS: Neither will I, Sammy, because there's just no way of knowing which way the game will develop. However, we now have Mickey Walsh in our line-up, and he proved with Blackpool that he knows where the goal is. And I do



'New signings will give us a boost'

MIKE LYONS
(Everton)

predict one thing, that this will be an attacking game. But I have a feeling that our defence might be harder to penetrate than Arsenal's — at least, that's what I'm hoping.

NELSON: I'll be one of the Arsenal's defenders hoping to prove you wrong, Mike. Of course, both sides will have their tactical talks, and

mention of these reminds me of Everton having a former Arsenal player with them these days, Trevor Ross. So if Trevor plays in this match, we will know quite a bit about his style.

LYONS: True, at the same time, Trevor's association with Arsenal, gives him the opportunity to pass on to us everything he remembers about the technique of various players in your side. Naturally, whatever the pre-match discussions involve, everything has to be done out there on the pitch, and I feel that both teams are equipped with enough talented players to give the fans something to shout about.

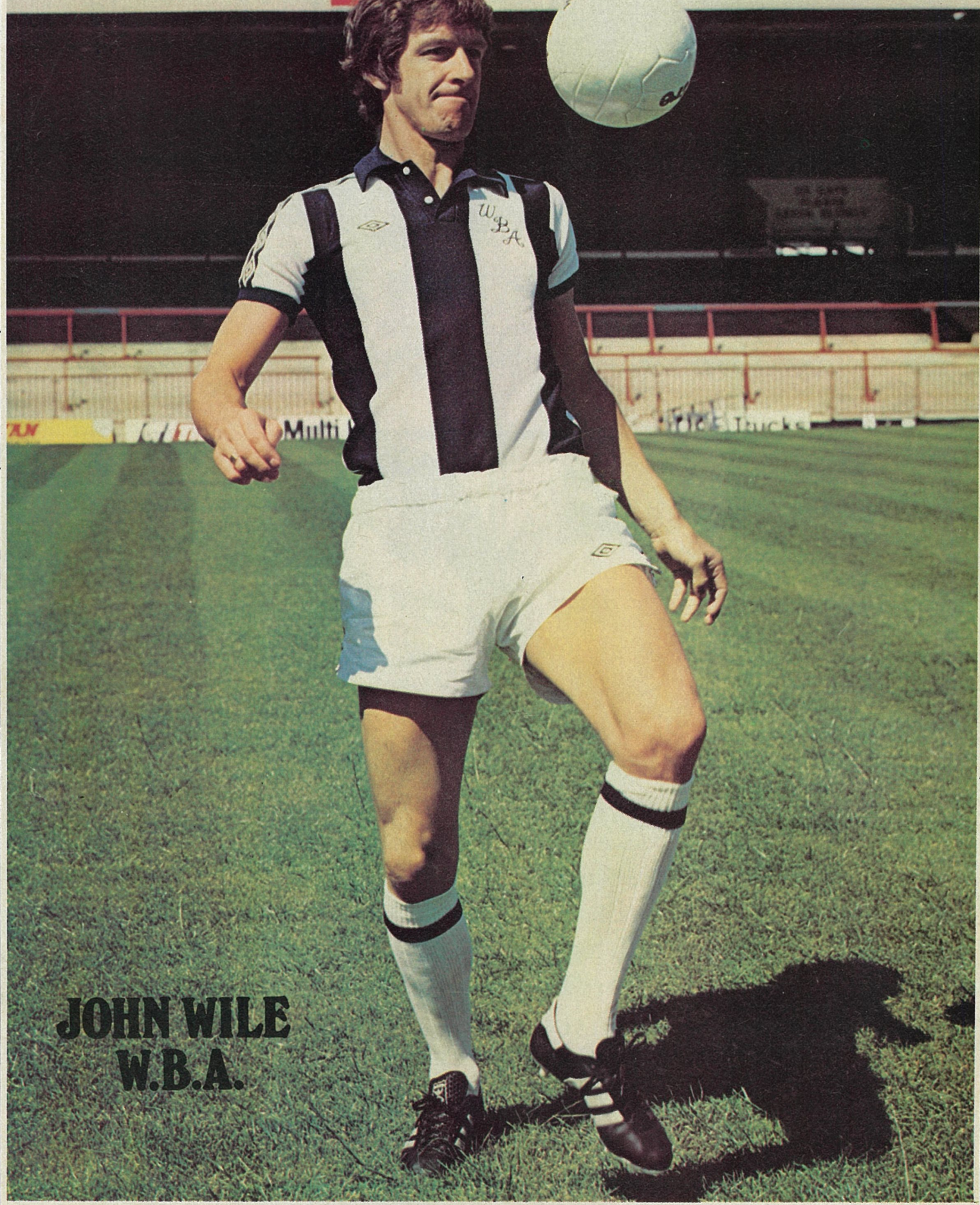
NELSON: Certainly, we'll anticipate Frank Stapleton helping to put your defence under some pressure in what could be a very close game. Gordon Lee has done well with the Everton side since he took over as manager, and I know that both teams will be aiming for the top of the table again.

LYONS: With our new signings, Geoff Nulty and Mickey Walsh, this season we are ambitious enough to think we could do at least as well as last term. They will obviously give us a boost — and if Everton can bag the two points against you, we'll be satisfied that we are moving in the right direction.

NELSON: For Arsenal, it will be satisfactory if we can reverse our result of last time on Merseyside. And I can only say that I'm confident about the outcome of this match, Mike.

LYONS: I believe Everton can win this one, Sammy, and get the result we want.

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